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THE COVER

Hundreds of children took part in the Presentation Service for the Lenten Mite Box Offering in Holy Trinity Church on April 28. This photograph was taken during the service.

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The rain falls on the just
And on the unjust fellers,
But mostly on the just, because
The unjust have the just's umbrellers.

Author Unknown

"SWEET are the uses of adversity," wrote the immortal Bard of Avon, little dreaming that in 1940 we would quote him in connection with our use of the doggerel that heads our column . . . We've been waiting years for an excuse to use that verse, but it wasn't until Tuesday, May 21, when someone took our brand new umbrella from the rack in Church House without so much as a "May I please?" or a "Thank you kindly," that the chance came . . . We had braved a soaking in the rain of the Thursday before to buy it, and we have been soaked many times since . . .

This is our final issue until September and we have been hard put to find room in it for all the news . . . We regret we've been forced to leave out some things that we may catch up with in the first Fall issue, which will reach you three months hence . . .

Among the things we had to omit were reports of the deaths of Bishop Stewart, of Chicago, about which many of you read in the newspapers, and of Bishop Graves, for nearly forty-five years one of the great missionary leaders of the Church, who resigned as Bishop of Shanghai in 1937 . . . We also wanted to tell you about the imminent retirement of Dr. John W. Wood, who has directed the foreign missionary work of the Church for forty years, and the appointment of the Rev. Dr. James T. Addison, Dean of Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., as his successor . . . Dr. Addison will be First Vice-President of the National Council . . .

Those were the main things . . . And now there seems little left but to wish you a pleasant Summer . . .

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OBJECT

1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

The Bishop's Address

[Delivered at the 156th Annual
Diocesan Convention, May 6, 1940]

Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity:

LET us remember before God those faithful men and women, who having finished their labors in the Church Militant, have been called to the Church Expectant.

Of Bishops of the Church

Philip Mercer Rhinelander	John Newton McCormick
Robert Lewis Paddock	Charles Edward Woodcock
James Wise	George Craig Stewart

Of Priests of This Diocese

Wood Stewart	James Odgers McIlhenny
George Warrington Lamb	Theophilus Daniel Malan
Charles Henry Arndt	Ernest Albert Rich

Of Deputies to This Convention

Albert E. King

Harry D. Hosbach

Of Deputies to the Last Convention

Charles Edwin Evans	Frank Lennig	Clarence Lee Harper
Gilbert McIlvaine	Frederick S. Whitaker	Daniel Arthur Wedmore
Herman W. Coxe	Henry K. Ancona	William H. Sassaman
	Thomas Ellicot Coale	

Of Deputies to Former Conventions

Frank Gerhart	Daniel Webster Shelly	William Barker Keighton
Arthur Wolleston Sewell	William Stanton Macomb	Charles A. Donnelly
Thomas Rundle Neilson	Lyman M. Hatton	John P. H. Phillips
	William West Frazier, Jr.	

Of the Women of the Diocese

Charlotte Harding Shepherd Houston, whom I have known and admired for many years and who has been interested in the work at Old St. Peter's Church, Sunday School and St. Peter's House; in the Church Training and Deaconess House; in St. Martha's House and in the House of Rest for the Aged, now rests in St. Michael and All Angels Chapel of the Cathedral Church of Christ.

Ellen Swan Dobbin Howland, who went down on the Athenia.

Amy Gwynn McCrae, in charge of the Supply Bureau.

Florence Dinning Woodruff, foremost in many charities.

Louisa Hodge Phillips, President of Woman's Auxiliary, All Saints, Torresdale, for many years.

Elizabeth Mockridge, daughter of Rev. Dr. Mockridge and active Church worker.

Leila Ophelia Barnes.

Margaret McGrory, mother of the Rev. John R. McGrory.

all of whom have been most faithful and are worthy of reverent mention.

The Year and A Decade

SOMEWHAT over ten years ago, when I was consecrated Bishop, I felt that at my age my term of office would be short; but I hoped to give assistance to a sick and overworked Bishop, and help make his closing days happier. This I had the satisfaction of doing. I prayed that if God would spare me ten years, I would try to accomplish something worthwhile. God has spared me ten years, and with an average of six speaking engagements each week for nine months of each year, I have only been obliged to omit two engagements and these were due to loss of voice. I feel that I am in as good health today as when I was consecrated to the episcopate. For this I thank God and take courage.

I want to give you an account of the work of the past year and then a brief summary of the work of the past ten years.

It was a great joy to me, that our Church met its Expectation with the National Council and, in addition, completed the \$30,000 that I had voluntarily assumed to aid the starving Chinese, as well as

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THE RT. REV. FRANCIS
M. TAITT, S.T.D.

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Executive Secretary's Page

THE conference of the Every Member Canvass chairmen at Spring Mountain House, Schwenksville, was a complete success. The story of the conference will be found elsewhere in this issue of THE NEWS. I am grateful to each clergyman who cooperated to the extent of securing a chairman and encouraging him to attend the conference.

The outstanding feature of the conference was the address of Dr. Franklin. Many of the chairmen requested a copy of it. We have just secured a corrected proof from Dr. Franklin, and it will be mimeographed and mailed to all who attended.

More than one chairman came to me and expressed his amazement over the discovery that a conference on Church finances could have an atmosphere of spiritual reality. A strong spiritual note predominated all through the conference, and I write this with great pride, as I have contended for years that such a thing was possible.

The following committee was appointed to advise with Dr. Gates and the Executive Secretary in regard to the progress of the canvass next fall:

Allen D. Cornell, St. Luke, Germantown.

Harry F. Smith, St. Thomas, Whitemarsh.

Benjamin M. Fowler, Jr., St. Mary, Ardmore.

A. Moseley Hopkins, Jr., St. James, Philadelphia.

Raymond Talbot, All Saints, Moyamensing.

Randall Seaman, St. Paul, Overbrook.

The sole purpose of the conference was to acquaint the chairmen with the needs and opportunities confronting the Church, and to stress the necessity of careful preparation before the Canvass is held, as well as the necessity of realizing the difficulties that may confront us next Fall in securing sufficient money to carry on our work.



I think that there are three words which may be used to classify Christian people. They are professional, amateur and dilettante. A professional is one who gives, perhaps not his entire attention, time and labor to a particular art, occupation or calling, but he is one who certainly gives that calling his supreme interest and his highest ability, and permits nothing else to prevent his accomplishing the best results in that direction. An amateur is one who is fond of a particular art, study, occupation or calling, but is not engaged in it professionally. He may devote to it odd ends of his time, his leisure hours, even his vacations, but he does not give to it the best of his energies or time. A dilettante is an affected admirer of some art or cult, who dabbles in a thing either to show off what he knows, or because he thinks it has some pretty or interesting features. As a matter of fact, a dilettante comes the nearest of anything I know to that hackneyed word, parasite.

Now the dilettante Christians are those who from mere force of early training and habit, or from a refined moral sense, or from what may be called the sympathetic delicacy of his nature, takes an occasional or passing interest in religion. They enjoy the prettier external features of the Church's worship. They can talk to you about the sentimental features of the Christian religion. And they can feel quite self-satisfied while doing so. But to take up the Cross and follow Jesus appeals to neither their nature nor their liking. They skip everything in the Christian religion that is unsuited to their tastes. It is in this group that we find the professional boasters of their membership in the Episcopal Church. Fertile in excuses for non-attendance, non-interest, and non-support, they are always zealous in appreciating the awe-struck admiration of the auditor when

they say, "Oh, I am an Episcopalian—I would NEVER go to another Church," and they might add, "Not even to my own." Needless to say we can not count on them for missionary support.

The amateurs enter upon the Christian life with some degree of real interest, if not enthusiasm. They have some appreciation of its merits; admire its ideals; in an argument would take sides for the Christian religion; give something towards Church support; attend services, if they are not too tired, or if it is not too hot or too cold, or if it is not raining, or if visitors have not arrived, or if they haven't any letters to write, etc., etc. With the amateur the fulfillment of his Christian obligations is always a debatable question. They will come—they will give—if something else does not interfere. Well disposed and friendly to the Church, they will patronize it. BUT to make a sacrifice of time or money, to actually deny comfort—nay, nay. The odds and ends of their time, some leisure, some spare change. That is all. AND we are ALWAYS debating the why and how of missions with them—fruitlessly.

Now, the professional Christian. Is he one who is neglecting his business and his family, spending his time and energies, burying himself like some monk inside a monastery? Oh, no. Most of his time is spent in his daily work, doing his duty in that state of life into which it has pleased GOD to call him. He is in the world every day. He is conscious of the great issues of the moment and weighing them in the light of his Christian teaching. He has a deep conviction that life has a higher goal, and that he is only here temporarily, and on probation. He has a heart, a hand and money for the Christian enterprise at home and abroad; and he permits nothing to stand between him and the great purpose of living. He knows that there are dangers, difficulties to face and sacrifices to make. He accepts them. He is a professional Christian. And the Episcopal Church has sore need of him, and thousands like him. Is this where you are standing today?



The Treasurer's Report shows a large increase in the number of parishes who have paid in full their missionary Expectations as due on May 20. We want to thank all the Accounting Wardens and Treasurers for their fine cooperation in this, and hope that they will keep it up during the Summer months. Of course, we realize that the Children's Lenten Offering has helped very largely to make this possible in some cases.



Our missionary speakers in the Diocese during the last month have been:

The Very Rev. P. H. Sloan, Dean of Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, Va.

The Rev. Hector M. Thompson, St. Michael's Mission, Ethete, Wyo.

Mrs. Henry Hill Pierce, Representative of the Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of New York, on the National Council.

Dr. John W. Wood, Executive Secretary, Department of Foreign Missions, National Council.

Miss Bernice Jansen, Training School for Kindergartners, Sendai, Tohoku, Japan.

Deaconess Marian Brown, St. Michael's Mission, Ethete, Wyo.

It was a great joy to have Deaconess Brown, whose address aroused great enthusiasm among those attending the Convocation of South Philadelphia.

FREDERICK P. HOUGHTON.

PROPORTIONAL representation in the legislative body of the Diocese, long the dream of progressive and liberal minds in the Church, took a long step toward fulfillment when the 156th annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania adopted an amendment to the Constitution providing for the final step to be taken by Canon at a subsequent Convention.

A committee headed by Louis B. Runk, appointed at the Convention of 1938, has been studying the question of proportional representation since that time. As the result of a wide survey, in the course of which the systems in force in 60 Dioceses were investigated, the committee proposed that the way be opened here for increasing the number of lay deputies to the Convention from large parishes, in fair proportion to their communicant strength. Under the present system a parish of 50 communicants has as many

Left to right: Dr. P. D. Sukhnandan, Mungeh, C. P., India; Miss Stella Ramos, Philippine Islands; Dr. Thomas S. Gates, U. of P. president and chairman of Diocesan Field Department; Miss Marion H. Y. Bih, Shanghai, China, and Shigeru Watanabe, Sendai, Japan, at the 156th Diocesan Convention where they addressed the deputies
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156th Annual Convention Is History

Deputies to General Convention Chosen; Way to Proportional Representation Is Made Easier

lay deputies as one of 5,000 communicants.

The amendment will enable the Convention to fix by Canon the proportionate increase in the number of deputies. Such changes require at least two years when effected by Constitutional amendment, while that time is cut in half when the changes are made by Canon.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop in Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, at 5 P. M., on Monday, May 6. The Rev. Richard J. Morris, observing the twentieth anniversary of his first election as secretary of the Convention, was unanimously re-elected to the post for his twenty-first year. Later a resolution, introduced by the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown, expressing the appreciation of the Convention for the faithful services given by Fr. Morris, was adopted. The Rev. John R. Huggins, Ph.D., again was appointed assistant secretary.

A slight diversion was created following the report on parishes and missions which had failed to qualify to vote when the Rev. David C. Colony, rector of St. Luke's, Kensington, explained that his

parish had failed to pay its assessments because a storm had blown the roof from the church, and "we preferred to risk our seat in Convention rather than our seat of worship."

Nominations and elections followed, as did reports of various committees and the introduction of Canons and resolutions for reference to proper committees.

At 6:15 P. M., the Convention recessed for dinner, at which the Bishop was host to the deputies. The dinner was held in the main ballroom of the Penn Athletic Club.

The church was filled at 8 P. M. for the Diocesan Mass Meeting, at which the Bishop delivered his annual address, and the Rt. Rev. Wyatt Brown, D.D., Bishop of Harrisburg, preached the Convention sermon.

"God has allowed wicked men to shake the civilized world loose from all foundations upon which it has rested save only one—Himself," Bishop Brown said, as he launched a bitter attack against the leaders of totalitarianism whom he charged with responsibility for the "shocks that have shaken civilization since 1931."

Assailing the neutrality of the United States in the present world conflict, Bishop Brown said, "We might have been warned after the World War, which, of course, was to end all wars and make Democracy safe for the world. When America forsook the Allies, made of the League of Nations a political football and chose the materialism of a disgraceful presidential regime in place of the ideal of world peace placed before the world by Woodrow Wilson, we might have learned how swiftly a people can fall back into unchristian selfishness."

Picturing the Good Shepherd as a brave man grappling with the wolf "whose mouth is red with the blood of the defenseless sheep," he said, "What is left when our trust in Christian statesmen is gone, when our faith in the humanity of man for man is gone?"

"I do not presume to say what the Congress or the people of the United States should do. But as a prophet of God, I do declare that our children and our children's children will have to pay dearly for our neutrality today."

At the next day's session, the Rev. Charles S. Martin, representing a group of 50 clergymen, gained the floor and read to the Convention a statement protesting against Bishop Brown's remarks. The Convention promptly took the necessary steps to disavow the action of the group and make it a matter of record that the protest did not represent the feeling of the Convention.

The statement and its signers follow:

"While we appreciate the goodness of the Bishop of Harrisburg in coming to address our Convention and admit fully his right to express his own individual opinion, we do feel it is necessary to call the attention of the Convention and our Church to the fact that he was speaking merely as an individual. We feel it necessary to indicate that there is a different point of view in the Church on the question of war and peace.

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"Moreover, the mind of the Church, insofar as it can be expressed, is stated in the most recent pastoral letter of the House of Bishops, 'In Days of War,' dated November 9th, 1939. 'War as an instrument of national policy is a hideous denial of God and His condemnation rests upon it. It is rationally unjustifiable, morally indefensible, and religiously irreconcilable with the love of God and neighbor. And it is wholly incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

"Our purpose in making this protest is not to stimulate controversy, but to reaffirm the statement of our Bishops in their Pastoral, 'Let us sternly resist every attempt to use the Church as an instrument of war propaganda.'"

John Craig Roak	A. Manderbach
Harvey D. Butterfield	George C. Anderson
John E. Hill	J. Samuel Stephenson
George A. Trowbridge	Frederick E. Seymour
W. Brooke Stabler	Gibson Bell
Joseph Paul Morris	Richard T. Lyford
W. Roulston McKean	William Sharp
John R. McGrory	Ralph E. Coonrad
John M. Weber	Arthur C. Moore
F. Williamson, Jr.	Charles Martin
John Shryock	A. M. Smith
James Howard Jacobson	Howard M. Stuckert
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Frank Cox	M. M. Garcia
J. M. Collins	E. Felix Kroman
Arthur F. Gibson	Henry Mitchell
J. Wesley Twelves	Earnest C. Earp
T. N. Mason	Robert W. Bagnall
Frederick W. Blatz	Franklin Joiner
William P. C. Loane	J. Jarden Guenther
Charles W. Wilding	B. Janney Rudderow
Henry S. Paynter	Thomas Logan
R. M. Truitt*	Paul J. Collins
Charles E. Eder	David C. Colony
Carl I. Shoemaker	Thomas E. della Cioppa
	Albert W. Eastburn

* Not a clergyman.

The principal business before the Convention at the Tuesday session was balloting to fill such offices as were not filled Monday afternoon, among them Deputies and Alternate Deputies to General Convention. Four ballots were taken before the Standing Committee election was completed, and five were required to settle a deadlock in the choice of the final Clerical Deputy to General Convention.

One of the most interesting features of the Convention followed the prayer for missions at noon when the Rev. Richard T. Lyford, rector of St. Asaph's, Bala, acting for the Rev. Frederick P. Houghton, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Diocese, who was ill, presented to the Convention four foreign students—Chinese, Japanese, Hindu, and Filipino—who described what Christianity means to their people.

The students were Miss Marion H. Y. Bih, of Shanghai, student at the Eastern Baptist Seminary, Overbrook; Miss Stella M. Ramos, daughter of a Philippine Army officer now at Ft. Benning, Ga., and a graduate student at University of Pennsylvania; Shigeru Watanabe, of Sendai, Japan, preparing at Temple University, for a teaching career in his homeland; and Dr. P. D. Sukhnandan, of Mungeh, Central Provinces, India, doing graduate work at Pennsylvania Hospital in preparation for taking charge of a hospital on his return to India.

Miss Ramos, whose dusky beauty captivated the delegates, spoke shyly and

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paying \$22,216 which we lacked of our Expectation of 1938. Through the energy of the Field Department and under the able leadership of the chairman, Dr. Thomas S. Gates, president of the University of Pennsylvania, the whole amount sought for was obtained and \$6614.74 which remained over our obligations was set aside as an emergency fund to save the interest which would be paid to banks for borrowed sums. In former years Pennsylvania gave very much larger amounts to missions, but these sums have become smaller; though in nearly every year we gave a larger percentage of our quota than any of the larger dioceses. The last year of Bishop Garland's life when the depression had settled down upon us, the Church borrowed \$15,000 to meet her obligations to National Council. Then in the first year of my administration we borrowed \$14,000. To pay these borrowed amounts kept the Church in distress until these obligations were cancelled through the Diocesan Contributors' Fund. The Diocese is deeply indebted to the Rev. Dr. Shreiner who, notwithstanding his great work at the Church Farm School, voluntarily spent seven years and did this great work for the Diocese. He established the Diocesan Contributors' Fund and through this means collected nearly \$500,000. I hope that with the coming years, we will be able to reassume these larger amounts.

I could not begin to speak about our work without giving tribute to the large number of noble laymen and laywomen who so generously and effectively and with no financial remuneration give of their time and labor. Without such persons as these the work of this Diocese would be impossible. I think of our chancellor, the Hon. Roland S. Morris, who is called upon so frequently and whose advice is so valuable; our treasurer, Mr. Arthur V. Morton, who gives so much of his valuable time in our service; our vice-president of the Executive Council, Spencer Ervin, Esq., who practically lives at the Church House; the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, president, and Miss Julia Hill, president of the Juniors, and the former presidents, Mrs. George Woodward and Mrs. John Edwin Hill and others. Then those six outstanding deans of the convocations, each of whom has labors almost the equal of our missionary Bishops as well as a very large parochial work, that could claim a man's whole time. The Diocese is under deep obligation to Deans Hill, Stockman, Taylor, Eder, Wilcox and Groton. I doubt whether any other diocese has such a galaxy of faithful and efficient workers.

Anniversaries, Dedications and Improvements

ANNIVERSARIES, improvements and dedications in the past year have been many. I have been present at the following anniversaries:

On May 10th the 25th anniversary of Dr. Toop as Rector of Holy Apostles Parish;

On May 14th the 40th anniversary of St. Paul's, Overbrook;

On May 19th the 30th anniversary of Dr. Logan as Vicar of St. Simon the Cyrenian Chapel;

On June 18th the 25th anniversary of the Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt's ordination to the priesthood;

On October 4th I celebrated the 10th anniversary of my consecration to the Episcopate;

On October 16th the 150th anniversary of the Prayer Book, at old Christ Church;

On October 22nd the 80th anniversary of the founding of St. Alban's, Roxborough;

On October 24th the Rev. C. H. Reese's 20th anniversary as rector of St. Matthew's, Philadelphia;

On November 7th the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish of St. Elisabeth's Church was celebrated in conjunction with the 53rd anniversary of L'Emmanuel congregation;

On November 26th the 95th anniversary of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg;

On December 10th the 80th anniversary of the founding of St. Timothy's, Roxborough.

At all of these I either preached or made an address.

The following anniversaries occurred in the Diocese, but the Bishop was unable to attend:

On September 24th Calvary, Conshohocken, celebrated its 80th anniversary;

On October 22nd Advent, Hatboro, celebrated its 50th anniversary;

On October 29th St. Mary's, Wayne, celebrated its 50th anniversary;

On October 29th All Saints, Norristown, celebrated its 58th anniversary;

On November 1st St. Bartholomew's, Philadelphia, celebrated the 40th anniversary of the founding of the parish.

On June 9th I instituted the Rev. Melville B. Gurley as rector of St. John's Church, Cynwyd.

I dedicated:

On June 5th shrubbery at St. Faith's, Brookline, in memory of Mr. C. C. Harrison;

On June 24th an altar in St. Mary's Chapel at the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough, in memory of Florence Prall Scull;

On July 2nd a baptistry at St. Paul's Church, Chester;

On November 1 the Bishop Garland memorial at the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough;

On December 17th a memorial window at Holy Nativity, Rockledge.

The following memorials were given:

A memorial window at St. Paul's Church, Overbrook, in memory of Clara Wilson Knepley Johnson;

A memorial window at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, in memory of Harriet Gibbons Williams;

An altar frontal and hangings at the Covenant, Philadelphia, in memory of the Rev. George Warrington Lamb, M.D.;

At St. Peter's Church, Germantown, eight memorial windows depicting the life of Christ, in memory of Ethel M. Coxe, Mrs. Anne B. Cowperthwait, J. Lee Patton, Lewis S. Gibbs, Robert and Ellen C. Hearst, Mary Camilla Bisset, William R. Eisenhower, Joseph Rawlings Donnelly;

At St. Paul's Church, Chester, a memorial window in memory of the mother of the rector and the mother of the Bishop;

A set of candelabra for each altar at Christ Church and St. Michael's, one in memory of Samuel Newman Baxter and the other in memory of William Seyffert;

Three memorial gifts at the Resurrection, Philadelphia, a bronze tablet in memory of the Rev. James O. McIlhenny, D.D., a hanging lamp in memory of Miss Elizabeth Albertson; and a processional cross in memory of John and Mary Zimmerling;

A pulpit lamp and two flags were blessed in St. James' Church, Prospect Park;

The cornerstone of St. John's Mission, West Oak Lane, was laid.

The following improvements were made:

A new chancel window at the Good Shepherd, Germantown;

At Calvary, Conshohocken, the property was renovated, all debt paid, and a gift of \$1000 was added to the endowment in memory of Mrs. Charles Lukens;

At St. George's, Richmond, the old floor was removed and new asphalt tile flooring laid by the men of the parish at a cost of \$575; the pews were also restored;

At Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, the interior of the church and the entire choir room was painted; new lighting was installed; the old windows were replaced and also new cushions and carpet bought; and the exterior of the parish house was painted;

At All Saints, Norristown, the exterior of the church was renovated, the roof repaired and windows reconditioned;

At St. Faith's, Brookline, the church was painted inside and outside; the reredos and paneling in the chancel were done over;

At St. Simon the Cyrenian's the pipe organ was enlarged;

The Bishop's Chapel in the Church House has been greatly improved, being newly painted; new lights were installed and new

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Results of Elections at Diocesan Convention

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Rev. Stanley R. West

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The twenty clergymen incumbent as the Board of Triers were unanimously re-elected.

shortly of the benefits of Christianity in the Philippines. Mr. Watanabe described the increasingly important roles being played in present-day Japanese life by graduates of Christian schools, particularly St. Paul's University, Tokyo, and witnessed the importance of Christ in his own life.

The palm for eloquence went to Miss Bih, who said the Chinese desire a "Christ-centered life," not so much for its moral teachings, but as a motivating force. "Christianity has taught us," declared Miss Bih, "to take the right attitude in triumphant living. Christians sing because they have something to sing about. Under the influence of Christianity, China has become a singing nation in the face of merciless invasion."

Less eloquent oratorically, but none the less impressive with his quiet sincerity was Dr. Sukhnandan, son of an untouchable, lowest of all castes in India, who

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was lifted out of that unspeakable condition of life by the transforming power of Christ.

"There are six million untouchables in India," Dr. Sukhnandan said. "They are denied the right to enter the temples, they have no right to use well water, no chance to better their economic or social condition. Disease is rampant among them. They earn no more than three cents a day. It is from this that Christianity lifted first my father and then me. My brothers and sisters still follow the old religion. The higher castes, seeing the transforming power of Christ making useful citizens of the untouchables, are beginning to think of embracing Christianity."

Dr. Thomas S. Gates, president of the University of Pennsylvania and chairman of the Diocesan Field Department, spoke in tribute to the aid Dr. Houghton had given his department. "Without Dr. Houghton we could not have made the progress we are able to report today," declared Dr. Gates.

In a report on the Jeffries Home for the Aged, Roland S. Morris told the Convention there was now about \$256,000 in the fund which is earning about \$7,500 a year. Efforts to merge with existing institutions, he said, had never been successful. He moved the appointment of two advisers or consultants to work with the Germantown Trust Company, the trustee, until a definite plan for use of the money was adopted. The advisers would report to the Convention annually. His motion was carried.

The Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D., Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral Church of Christ, declared there was ample room on the Cathedral grounds for the erection of a suitable home and urged keeping the fund at work for a few years more and then building there.

An appeal for more generous support of the Episcopal Hospital by parishes and by individuals was presented to the Convention by the Very Rev. Granville Taylor, D.D., a member of the hospital board. The cost of operating the institution, he said, is approximately \$500,000 a year, of which only half is received from paying patients. The rest must come from gifts.

The Convention voted to continue the Commission on Church Unity appointed last year to study the question of the proposed Concordat with the Presbyterian Church and to seek further approaches toward the eventual unity of all Christendom.

An appropriation of \$300 was voted to the Diocesan Music Commission in response to the plan submitted by its chairman, the Rev. N. Herbert Caley, for the erection of a booth at the General Convention next fall to continue the work so effectively begun at the 1937 General Convention in Cincinnati.

As one of the special orders of the day the Rev. Dr. George Emerson Barnes, president of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, was presented to the Convention by the Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D., chairman of the Com-

carpet laid; gifts of a new dossal, altar linens and frontal and the gift of an ancient and beautiful picture of the Christ add a wonderful charm.

The following bequests and gifts were made:

A large bequest of Mary A. Combs made possible the renovating of the sleeping quarters on the fourth floor of the Seamen's Church Institute and paid off the second mortgage on Institute property;

A bequest of \$1000 for the church endowment of St. Luke's, Chester, was made by Mary Canning Bing, communicant for over 50 years, directress of Altar Guild, choir leader and treasurer of the Church School;

A gift of Miss H. Daisy Smith was made for repairs of the old church at St. Martin's, Marcus Hook. The Sun Oil Company restored the church bell in the belfry. This bell is older than the Liberty Bell.

Energy and enthusiasm once again seek expression at St. Elisabeth's Church, where the young people's group are renovating St. Saviour Chapel, the Mortuary Chapel and the Crypt. All the artisans of the parish—carpenters, plasterers, painters—and a planning committee are working to beautify the property and extend its usefulness in the community. All the work must be done without labor cost. The Crypt will serve as a kindergarten room when finished; digging out the old cellar will extend the club room; and the garden will also be transformed for the beauty and joy of the neighborhood. All this reminds us of the venture of 1937 when a \$1500 renovation job was done for \$330, raised under the leadership of Father Roseboro. The labor cost was only 75 cents.

Mr. William White, after completing forty-six years on the vestry of Christ Church, Philadelphia, resigned. He served as secretary, accounting warden, and as a member of the Board of Managers of Christ Church Hospital. Mr. White was faithful and tireless in his duty as a vestryman and never failed to sacrifice his time and energy to the maintenance, development and growth of all the church activities.

The following statistics for the year at the Galilee Mission are interesting to note. Attendance at chapel and Church school, 49,215; meals served to over 97,000; lodgings given to 51,000 men; employment secured for 386 men.

Department of Religious Education

GREAT strides in the field of religious education have been made in the last ten years in this Diocese. The Normal School continues to grow and in the past year two conferences, Summer and Winter, have been inaugurated. Over 350 adults attended the Winter Conference held on five Tuesday nights during January and February at Church House and Holy Trinity Parish House. One hundred and twenty-nine persons registered for the first Diocesan Summer Conference held last June at Ursinus College. The faculty of both conferences were outstanding and contributed much to their success.

The great possibilities in Vacation Church Schools are being realized by many of our parishes. Three years ago we had eight in the Diocese and last year increased the number to 22. The department now conducts each Spring an institute for four or five weeks to train leaders in this valuable work, and it also will give assistance to those parishes which need it, either financially or in providing leadership.

The Church School-by-Mail which has just ended its first year under the supervision of the Department of Religious Education has had an amazing growth. Starting in January, 1939, with less than 40 children, the enrollment now totals 159. The worker in charge, whose salary for one year is being paid by the Woman's Auxiliary, has done a magnificent work in this field.

The children of the Diocese have given in the past ten years to the Bishop's Bricks Fund, now known as the Advent Offering, more than \$12,000. This offering is used entirely for work in the Diocese. Through their Lenten Offerings in the past ten years, nearly half a million dollars has been given for the work of the Church by the children. While there has been a decrease in the amount of the offering

since 1930, as in all our giving, last year the total amount being \$41,484, compared to \$75,729 in 1930, nevertheless last year's amount was \$20,000 more than the offering of any other Diocese. Pennsylvania has the largest number of teachers and pupils of any Diocese in the entire Church.

We are soon to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the first Church Sunday School in Pennsylvania. In the Fall of 1814, the Rev. Jackson Kemper and the Rev. James Milnor, Bishop White's assistants, began an afternoon Sunday School in Commissioners Hall in Northern Liberties, Philadelphia. This was the first Sunday School officially incorporated by any religious organization in America.

The Divinity School

THE new work of our Divinity School, begun three years ago, continues to gain distinction and recognition. The first class under the new plan of theological education graduates this June. This has been a bold venture of faith. Under the leadership of the Very Rev. Allen Evans and with the active co-operation of a devoted faculty, the Joint Boards of the school and a group of interested clergy and lay people, real progress has been made.

Without sacrificing training in those canonical studies required in a theological curriculum, the clinical training course has quite met our expectations. This special work upon which we are placing a certain emphasis is constantly gaining the interest and commendation of thoughtful educators and others. I am happy to be able to report the progress made and to assure you that we can approach the future with confidence. The relation of pastoral clinical training to the theological curriculum is being recognized by the other seminaries in the Church who, in modified form are following the example of our Divinity School. The school's plan of education is now, at the end of the third year, strengthened and integrated to the point where its influence on the teaching and ministry of the Church is recognized as unquestionably valuable.

The Divinity School, in common with other educational institutions, is facing a serious financial problem. It will be required for some years to come that there shall be collected each year the sum of \$40,000, which is needed in addition to an income from endowment and students' fees to meet the budget of the school. There is no prospect of adding to our endowment at this time, and so this fund must be raised year by year by the contributions of interested Church people. The time has come, however, when it is necessary to interest a very much larger number of the communicants of our parishes to join with us in meeting our obligation. With the co-operation of the Joint Boards and the Dean, a new plan has been inaugurated to interest a larger number of members of the Church in the school. I beg for it your hearty co-operation and interest.

Our Diocese is the second largest and strongest in the American Church. To be one of the two leading Dioceses in the American Church demands a clergy equally strong and leading, for a diocese can be no stronger than the rectors and the parishes which constitute it.

Of the 288 clergy in the Diocese, 131 of these are alumni of our school. Among our alumni are the following: The Bishop of the Diocese and nine other living Bishops in the Church; the Archdeacon of the Diocese; the Dean of The Divinity School; four Deans of our Convocations; the General Secretary of the City Mission; the Superintendent of the Seamen's Church Institute; the Head Master of the Church Farm School; three members of the Standing Committee; eleven members of the Examining Chaplains; two Canons of the Cathedral; and twenty-two members of the Executive Council. Many of our parishes and missions in this Diocese are served by the graduates of our school.

The Episcopal Academy

THE Episcopal Academy is unexcelled by any college preparatory school. It is also the largest school of this character in our Church in the United States. As it is now over 156 years old, it is making a great effort to

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REV. RICHARD J. MORRIS

Secretary of the Convention for 20 years, was re-elected for his 21st term by the 156th Diocesan Convention, which adopted a resolution of appreciation for his long and faithful service. Recently he was elected a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter Inquirer Photo

mission on Evangelism. Dr. Barnes appealed for the cooperation of the Episcopal Church in a National Christian Mission to be held next Winter from January 12 to 19 in the hope of reaching 250,000 people, including such special groups as youth, college students, women, people in industry, business and labor. He also spoke of the observance of World Communion Sunday on October 6, and a week of prayer in Advent, as part of the preparation for the mission.

Speaking as chairman of the Commission on the Forward Movement, the Very Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox announced a Diocesan Children's Mission to be held next Fall.

Then in rapid succession followed routine reports and resolutions which quickly brought the 156th Convention to the point of adjournment.

Deaconess Marian Brown Here From Wyoming on Speaking Tour

Deaconess Marian Brown, formerly of the staff of All Saints', Moyamensing, 11th Street and Snyder Avenue, now stationed at St. Michael's Mission to the Arapahoe Indians, Ethete, Wyo., was the speaker at the Spring meetings of the Convocations of Chester and South Philadelphia on Tuesday, May 28.

The Chester Convocation, with the Very Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, Dean, presiding, met at Holy Sacrament Mission, Highland Park, at 10 A. M. The South Philadelphia Convocation met at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, 22d and Spruce Streets, at 4:30 P. M. The Very Rev. John E. Hill presided.

The Bishop attended both sessions.



REV. C. H. LONG

C. H. LONG CELEBRATES; ORDAINED 25 YEARS AGO

Members of the congregation of Zion Episcopal Church, Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue, joined their rector, the Rev. Charles H. Long, in observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, May 26. The services were a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 A. M. and Morning Prayer and Sermon at 10:45 A. M. The preacher was the Rev. Franklin J. Clark, of New York, secretary of the National Council. A short address was made by Dr. Charles E. Beury, president of Temple University, and the Rt. Rev. William McClelland, D.D., Bishop of Easton, Md., pronounced the blessing.

Mr. Long, who has been rector of Zion Church for nearly twenty-two years, is a native of Philadelphia, and a graduate of William and Mary College and the Philadelphia Divinity School. Before going to Zion Church, he served for brief periods as assistant to the late Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tompkins, long-time rector of Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, and at St. James Church, Prospect Park. The present church and rectory at Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue were built within his rectorship.

Mr. Long's activities have brought him prominence in the community life of Logan and in the Diocese. He is a director of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches and chairman of its Department of Social Thought and Action; and he has served as president of the Cooke Junior High School Home and School Association and president of the Logan Ministerium. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Diocese and chairman of its Department of Publicity, a member of the Board of Triers and of the Department of Missions, secretary of the Evangelical Education Society and president of the Associated Alumni of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

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become free from debt. It has large grounds and a beautiful location at Overbrook. It is hoped that not only the alumni but also the Church at large will be generous to this old and valuable school and be liberal in their gifts for its sustaining.

The Cathedral

AT the Cathedral, the Memorial Altar in Bay D, which contains a 26-inch Norman column from the West end of Lincoln Cathedral, England, was consecrated. The Altar in St. Michael's Chapel in Bay E has incorporated in it stones from Jerusalem and will be consecrated on All Saints' Day. A memorial window will soon be in place. The Font, which was formerly at the Holy Nativity Mission at Wrightstown, has been presented to the Cathedral by St. Clement's Church. It is greatly desired that the Cathedral Associates should be largely increased in number. The Bishop has fixed Saturday, June 22, as "Cathedral Day" and it is hoped that that the large attendance of last year will be repeated. Deaconess Nutter, who occupies the Stiles House on the grounds, is doing wonderful work among the children of the neighborhood.

At the Pro-Cathedral, both an Armenian and an Italian congregation are worshipping as our guests, so our services every Sunday are said in three languages, and a mission was held there for one week, in charge of the Rev. Dr. Shryock, the Chairman of the Diocesan Committee on Evangelism.

The House of Rest for the Aged

A GIFT of \$12,000 had been made for an infirmary in connection with this home. This is a much needed addition. We earnestly wish that an annual offering were made in all churches in the Diocese and liberal individual gifts were made for its support and enlargement. We have as many or more on the waiting list as we have in the home. And being on the waiting list incurs great privation to these aged people. They need our help and protection *now*.

The Woman's Auxiliary, 1929-1939

AS Auxiliary to the National Council in all its departments, the aim of the Woman's Auxiliary is to enlist the women of the various parishes in the mission of the Church, through worship, study, service and gifts. Ten years ago there were 173 branches, today, 202, including 120 evening and 28 Junior branches. During the past ten years two new departments have been added—the Field Department, which is responsible for strengthening existing branches and developing new ones, and the Christian Social Relations Department, which aims to develop Christian public opinion in such matters as war, social and economic order, race relations, etc.

Four new committees have been added during the past ten years, namely: *Devotional*, emphasizing the necessity of the things of the spirit; *Evening*, a missionary meeting for business and professional women and others who can't attend morning meetings; *Mothers' Union*, with its aim to uphold the sanctity of marriage and Christian training in the home; this committee is making quiet but steady progress, gaining friends and members. There are at the present time about one hundred members belonging to some twelve or more parishes. *Elizabeth Price Martin League*, with its three units—one at the Philadelphia General Hospital for the benefit of the patients, one at the Episcopal Hospital for the benefit of the hospital, and a Volunteer Bureau for service in the Diocese.

Total gifts to quota and specials amount to nearly one-half million dollars and the United Thank Offering totals \$271,141. Nearly three-quarters of a million dollars has been given by the women for work in the Church covering a period of ten years.

Joint Commissions On Evangelism and The Forward Movement

THE Joint Commissions on Evangelism and the Forward Movement, under the able co-chairmanship of the Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox and the Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D., have made great progress together. The Forward Movement booklets have been distributed throughout the Diocese; a Quiet Day

for the clergy is held each year with a great many clergy attending; and for over thirteen years a Diocesan Preaching Mission has been held Thursday nights in Lent in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at which time many outstanding preachers have been heard. Last year, for the first time, these Commissions inaugurated a mission throughout the Diocese extending over a period of one week. Sixty parishes held these missions and sixteen other parishes co-operated in other ways, such as supplying missionaries, etc. Very satisfactory and helpful results were reported from all those parishes that co-operated. The Joint Commissions are planning a Diocesan Children's Mission to be held in as many parishes as possible shortly before Advent. This is a new venture in our Diocese, but one that is sure to bring forth good results. It is also co-operating with the Federation of Churches in the National Christian Mission.

Church Historical Society

OUR Church Historical Society is accomplishing much. Its library is in the Crypt of The Divinity School at 42nd and Spruce Streets. There the society's librarian carries on a considerable work of research and answers many inquiries. The Society is constantly securing documents of value, such as histories of the parishes and dioceses, biographies, records of the consecrations of bishops, documents pertaining to bishops, other clergymen and lay people; and also to missions of the Church. It has a complete file of Journals of General Convention, and a large file of Diocesan Journals, some 3000 in number, with constant additions. From its duplicates it has supplied church materials to libraries of universities at strategic points, and conducts a library from which students and others may find source material of value. Visitors are welcome to look over the collection, and students may have access to works to which they desire to refer. A very large collection of valuable manuscripts forms a section by itself, surveyed in the last year by the Federal Historical Survey and pronounced of high value and interest. Pictures form a section; many of them are of early workers of the S. P. G., missionaries, bishops and others, as well as churches. A compilation was made by the society during the past year, showing the first church established in each of the several states, with date of organization and present status. This compilation for printing was requested by the editors of Historical Magazine in the December, 1939, issue.

Diocesan Altar Guild

THE work of the Diocesan Altar Guild has gone forward and taken on new work during the past ten years in 29 Dioceses throughout the country and also in the following foreign fields: Alaska, Brazil, Canal Zone, China, Cuba, Haiti, Hawaii, Japan, Liberia, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo and the Virgin Islands. The Diocesan Altar Guild cares for the altars in the Cathedral, the Bishop's Chapel in Church House, and The Divinity School in Philadelphia. It also grants the requests of the chaplains of the United States Army, supplying them with their needs in administering their work. It has furnished altars, including altar linens, vestments for the clergy and altar furniture. Two thousand five hundred and twenty-nine articles were distributed during the past ten years.

The Endowment of The Episcopate

THE first Bishop of Pennsylvania, being also rector of Christ Church, did not receive any salary from the Diocese. Realizing that such conditions were not likely to continue after the death of Bishop White, a loyal churchman of those days, Andrew Doz, who died in 1809, left a legacy to the Diocese as a nucleus of a fund for the support of a Bishop of Pennsylvania who should have the City of Philadelphia as his residence. About the same time the Diocese arranged for annual offerings to be taken in the parishes for the increase of this fund. Additional legacies and offerings were received from time to time, notably in 1937, when, as part of the celebrations in connection with Bishop Taitt's completion of 50 years as a priest in the Diocese, a "Jubilee Fund" of \$6071.88 was raised and added to

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PLATE ON CHURCH LAWN MARKS SITE OF BATTLE

The historic Skirmish of Edge Hill, which prevented General Howe from drawing Washington from his strategic position at Whitemarsh in December, 1777, was commemorated on Sunday, May 26th, when a tablet erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution was dedicated on the lawn of St. Peter's Church, Weldon, which is situated on ground over which part of the two-day battle raged. The Bishop and the Rev. George Copeland, rector of St. Peter's, took part in the ceremony.

According to historians, the engagement which occurred on December 7 and 8, 1777, resulted in the withdrawal of marauding British troops, who had been harassing farmers in the vicinity and the defeat of Howe's plan to weaken Washington's position at Whitemarsh. Success of Howe's strategy might have changed the course of the nation's history.

The center of the fighting was on what is known as the Xanthus Smith property behind the church and along the ridge known as Edge Hill, between Easton Road and Edge Hill Road, about a mile above Glenside. Many cannon balls, gun flints, bayonets, and other relics of the battle have been found there.

The parish house of St. Peter's is built above the old foundations of Weldon Hall, in which women of the vicinity met to sew for the soldiers of the Civil War.

GIFT OF TONGUES RITES AT CALVARY CHURCH

The descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles and the Gift of Tongues, commemorated throughout the Church on Whitsunday, was given special emphasis in the annual catholicity and unity service at Calvary Church, 41st Street above Brown, in the evening, when priests of the Orthodox, Old Catholic and Anglican Communions read or sang the Gospel for the day in the various languages represented. The Novena for the reunion of Christendom was brought to a fitting climax by a solemn procession in witness to the unity already existing.

The preacher was the Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, curate of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, New York City, and Bishop Manning's special representative for work among the Eastern churches.

Rev. J. Perry Cox Appointed Archdeacon of Wellsboro

The Rev. J. Perry Cox, former rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, 15th and Porter Streets, and for the last several months vicar of the Mansfield circuit in the Diocese of Harrisburg, has been elected Archdeacon of Wellsboro, according to a recent announcement by the Rt. Rev. Wyatt Brown, Bishop of Harrisburg.

Fr. Cox, who succeeds the late Ven. Harry H. Gillies, is 31 and a graduate of American University, Washington, and Philadelphia Divinity School. He was ordained by Bishop Taitt in December, 1935, and for two years was curate at St. John the Evangelist's, Lansdowne.

BISHOP TAITT ORDAINS ONE PRIEST, 5 DEACONS

One deacon was ordained to the priesthood and five young men were ordered deacons in a series of four ordination services in the Diocese, beginning Tuesday—Whitsun Tuesday—at St. Mary's Memorial Church, Wayne, where the Bishop admitted Richard Cooper to the diaconate. The Rev. Henry Mitchell, rector of St. Mary's, presented Mr. Cooper and preached the ordination sermon.

On Wednesday, May 14, the Rev. Samuel N. Baxter, Jr., curate of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, N. C., was ordained to the priesthood at Christ Church and St. Michael's. The rector, the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, was both presenter and preacher.

The first ordinations in Trinitytide were held in St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel, Philadelphia Divinity School, on Monday, May 20, when three divinity students were admitted to the order of deacons by Bishop Taitt. They are Charles A. Elliott, Richard B. Townsend and David O. Trauger. Mr. Townsend is a student at Berkeley Divinity School.

James McClintock, Jr., son of the Rev. James McClintock, was presented for deacons' orders by his father at the Church of the Messiah, Roosevelt Boulevard and Large Street, on Wednesday, May 29. The ordination sermon was preached by the rector, the Rev. William Oscar Roome, Jr.

The Rev. William H. Jefferys, Jr., son of Dr. William H. Jefferys, superintendent of City Mission, who was ordered deacon at Trinitytide last June in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, was ordained priest on May 29 by the Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, Bishop of Massachusetts, by request of Bishop Taitt. Mr. Jefferys is curate of Grace Church, New Bedford, Mass. He was presented by his rector, the Rev. Oliver L. Loring.

St. Augustine's Organ Fund Aided by St. Thomas' Choir

The choir of St. Thomas' Church, West Philadelphia, oldest Negro corporation in the United States, presented a sacred concert at St. Augustine's Mission on Sunday, May 26, for the benefit of the latter's organ fund. The choir, of forty mixed voices, is under the direction of James T. Townsend, organist and choirmaster. The service was a shortened form of Evensong, with the Rev. Tollie L. Caution, vicar of St. Augustine's, officiating.

The musical program follows:

Magnificat in F.....S. Coleridge-Taylor
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

from "Messiah," Handel

MISS CONSTANCE STOKES, Soprano
Rise Up, O Men of God

T. Tertius Noble

O, Praise the Lord.....Tschaikowsky
Choral Prelude on the Tune St. Peter

Townsend

Organ Solo

The Lord's Prayer.....Gordon P. Watson
MALCOLM POINDEXTER, Baritone

Cherubic Hymn.....Rachmaninoff

The Beatitudes.....Alfred Hay Malotte

MALCOLM POINDEXTER

150th Psalm.....Cesar Franck

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the Episcopal Fund, at the suggestion of the Bishop. At the present time, through the operation of the Mortgage Redemption Fund inaugurated to liquidate the mortgage debts on mission property, in which insurance is used, nearly \$6000 is reported to date as eventually coming to the Endowment for the Maintenance of the Episcopate.

The Episcopal Residence Fund

WHEN the house, 1633 Spruce Street, which had been used as a residence by Bishop Stevens, was sold in 1902 for some \$30,000, the Convention directed that the proceeds be kept separately by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund as a fund to be known as "The Episcopal Residence Fund." When the old Church House was sold and the present one bought and altered, the Convention directed that \$25,000 of the balance remaining should be held by the same Trustees as "The Bishop Suffragan Residence Fund," until the Convention should otherwise direct. The Convention of 1939 directed that this fund and the older Episcopal Residence Fund be combined into one fund to be known as "The Episcopal Residences Fund," until the Convention should otherwise direct, the purpose being to provide a fund which would be available for use either as supporting or purchasing a home, or homes, for a future Bishop, or Bishops.

The present amounts in the two funds are as follows, the values being those at which the securities were set up on the books of The Church Foundation at the close of the year: The Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate, \$92,670.38; the Episcopal Residences Fund, \$45,523.81. There is also a considerable fund which, for many years, has been held by the Advancement Society of Pennsylvania, as trustee under a legacy for the support of the Bishop of Pennsylvania. All funds total about \$150,000. This fund should be largely increased in order to make the assessments less on many of our smaller parishes.

The Church Extension Fund

THE Church Extension Fund was started in 1915 to aid in the purchase of sites, assist in the building of missions, churches, rectories, parish houses, etc. The "Calls" are limited to three each year. Pledges come from as far as China. During the past ten years over \$83,000 has been received through the Church Extension Fund Calls. During this period many churches, parish houses, chapels and rectories have been built with the assistance of this fund.

The Bishop White Parish Library Association

THE Bishop White Parish Library Association was started in 1838 and has just passed its hundredth anniversary. It is a living memorial to our beloved first Bishop of Pennsylvania and Presiding Bishop of the American Church for fifty years, Bishop William White. Its object is to supply the missionary stations and feeble parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania with the standard theological works of the Church; and to extend its aid, so far as its means will permit, to indigent parishes in other dioceses and to foreign missionary stations, giving the preference always to isolated regions, or wherever the Church may be feeblest. Before 1849 the Bishop White Parish Library Association had sent grants of theological books into Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas and Arkansas, which shows that in Philadelphia there were those who were trying to spread the Church's teaching into the developing West. Since then nearly every State in the Union has received grants, and also many foreign countries.

The Advancement Society

THE Advancement Society in the Diocese of Pennsylvania has just passed its 128th anniversary; the Society which Bishop William White and his distinguished associates started to advance the cause of Christianity in Pennsylvania. A study of the early reports, over a century ago, shows that the Advancement Society was the most important missionary agency in the State. The General and Diocesan Missionary Societies had not been organized, and at one time the Society paid part

or all of the stipends for forty missionaries, who ministered to small, scattered congregations. In a partial way, this work is continued by sharing in the stipends for the chaplains at State College and Mont Alto Sanatorium, and the general missionary for the work among the deaf mutes.

When the Advancement Society was started, the Diocese of Pennsylvania was conterminous with the State, and according to its charter all the present dioceses in the State share in the benefits of the fund. The object of the society is to aid churches that are in great need, or are struggling to meet some pressing obligation, such as extraordinary repairs of churches, parish houses or rectories; purchase of property or new sites; payment of mortgages, or to meet an emergency; and also to help start new work, making it possible for the Church to advance in some real and permanent way. Although great care is exercised before a grant is made, yet the gift is always the final payment, thereby making it an obligation that the Church must do its share and be free from debt. Great encouragement has been given to many churches and missions at critical times, often bringing victory out of defeat, and enabling them to go forward with new courage and a larger faith. It is hoped that the endowment fund will be enlarged. The need is very great and the possibilities without limit. We appeal to the generosity of those who would lay strong foundations and build thereon for a real future. Anyone aiding this fund can be assured that the gift will be a sacred trust and administered in the most helpful way. It is strange and unfortunate that a society of such age and usefulness should have received no bequests for many years.

Resumé of the Financial Safeguards

AT the meeting of the Department of Finance, held November 10, 1933, a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee to look into financial practices in the various committees, commissions, boards, and departments of the Diocese; in the various institutions and organizations in the Diocese which consider themselves connected with the Episcopal Church, and in the parishes and missions. The committee made a report to the Department of Finance and to the Executive Council which led to the adoption in Diocesan Convention of 1934 of a resolution for the appointment of a special committee to report to the Convention of 1935. The committee reported and the Convention of 1935 continued the committee, which has since maintained its existence as a sub-committee of the Department of Finance. The clergy and most of the laity have co-operated splendidly to bring about desirable improvements. The treasurer's office of the National Council recently made use of the 1938 questionnaire of the Committee in connection with inquiries of its own concerning the financial practices of missionary dioceses.

The Church Foundation

THE Church Foundation was chartered in 1926, absorbing the much older corporation, The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, which had functioned since 1881, serving as trustee for the purpose of holding properties and funds for the Diocese, for missions and for such parishes and charities as cared to make use of its services. The Church Foundation obtained a somewhat broader charter and was planned to inspire greater confidence by the provision in its by-laws that all securities must always be in the custody of a trust company of substantial capital and surplus. Ten years ago there were 76 trusts and securities, valued at \$1,408,499, in the custody of The Church Foundation. Today there are 130 trusts and just a little short of \$1,900,000 of securities, the latest and largest addition being the securities formerly handled by the Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate, which were turned over to The Church Foundation by order of the last Convention.

Some years ago the Convention designated The Church Foundation as the official trustee to hold properties and funds in trust for churches and charities in this Diocese. It now holds all the mission properties in trust, and will continue to so hold them even after they become parishes. This will assure that those properties cannot be

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CHURCH MISSION OF HELP SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR

The work and aims of the Church Mission of Help and the qualifications sought in a new executive secretary for the local branch were discussed at a luncheon of members of the board on May 10, when Miss Edith Balmford, of the National Council of Church Mission of Help, and the Rev. Almon R. Pepper, Executive Secretary, National Department of Christian Social Relations, were guests. Clarence M. Brown, president of the board, was host.

A reorganization of the work is in progress, and it is necessary to obtain a successor to Miss Cecile Mogridge, who recently resigned as executive secretary, in order to carry on the mission's program.

Various phases of the work in meeting the problems of girls and young women, and even of boys and young men, were discussed by Miss Balmford, who at the conclusion of her address answered a barrage of questions. Mr. Pepper stressed the spiritual values conserved through the case work method and through the aid it gives the clergy.

Summer Conference For Colored Church Workers

The 31st annual St. Augustine's Conference at St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C., for clergy and lay workers in our colored churches, will be held from June 3 to June 7 inclusive.

This year emphasis will be placed upon the training of leaders for Summer camps. The Rev. Daniel A. McGregor, Ph.D., Executive Secretary of the National Department of Religious Education, will give a course on "Teaching the Christian Faith"; the Ven. B. W. Harris, Archdeacon of Southern Virginia, "The Clergy and This Time"; the Rev. Robert W. Bagnall, LL.D., of St. Thomas' Church, West Philadelphia, "Parish Problems." There will be some Government experts on hand to lecture and to confer with the clergy and workers on their problems. The Executive Secretary of the conference is Prof. Arthur P. Chippey, of the faculty of St. Augustine's College.

The Provincial Summer School for Colored Church Workers will be held again at St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va., from July 22 to 27. Last year this Summer school eclipsed all records in work and numbers, for more than 186 took advantage of the school's work. Many Church workers will be going from all our colored churches, and the following will constitute the faculty: Dr. Bagnall, dean and lecturer; the Rev. Shelton H. Bishop, New York City; the Ven. Bravid W. Harris, Norfolk, Va.; the Rev. Edgar C. Young, Th.D., Phillips Brooks Memorial Chapel; Mrs. Fannie Pitt Gross, Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, and other well-known lecturers.

We need not to treat living creatures like shoes or household belongings, which when worn with use we throw away.

—Plutarch

Editorials

REVERSION TO SUPERSTITION

WHEN a London newspaper omitted its usual daily horoscope recently, the office staff was immediately swamped by thousands of telephone calls, telegrams and letters protesting against such high-handed action. The same thing would happen in Philadelphia or New York if our morning papers fell into the error of supposing that a large percentage of their readers had so far progressed on the road to civilization that newspapers could treat them like intelligent adults and drop this nonsense every morning.

But we haven't progressed very much at all spiritually; and unfortunately we are so busy tinkering with the machines we have made that we don't have time to look into our own hearts and minds long enough to discover that our spirits still speak the language of the year forty while our tongues utter the novel phrases and slang of the year nineteen hundred and forty.

Many Biblical scholars believe that this very "horoscope" business was one of the errors common among the Apostolic Christians, and that St. Paul had a great deal of trouble with it. To him it was an utter betrayal of Christ to believe, as those who trust horoscopes do, that there is any part of the universe beyond the love and care of Our Father in heaven. It is a sort of fatalism, an astrological fatalism, which is the worst kind; for they believe that, "not only a man's outward fortune and circumstances but even his temperament and moral predisposition were determined by the stars under which he was born." God's providence is rejected and denied by such belief.

But our great modern newspapers, which are supposed to be the organs of progress, continue to encourage this crude revival of barbarism among our people. God save America from such progress as this!

SUMMER CONFERENCES

THIS is the second Summer for the Diocesan Summer Conference at Ursinus College, and the program promises to be even better than last year, when the universal verdict pronounced by those who attended was that it was "very good."

These conferences, which have spread so rapidly in popularity not only in our church in America but also among religious people in Europe and Asia, are one of the most favorable signs of the undiminished vitality of Christianity. The Church has never been more alive or alert than it is now, and here is the proof. Thousands of people, young and old, rich and poor, giving up a week to study and worship together are evidence enough that Episcopalians are intensely interested in the doctrine and work of the Church.

Almost all of the Conferences, unfortunately, it seems to many, are held at the same time, June 23rd to 28th. No doubt those who arrange them have good reasons for selecting this particular week, but outsiders sometimes wonder whether a poll of the people would not reveal that some prefer a later conference. Since many of those who would like to attend are what are uneuphonesously

called "business girls," who take their vacations later in the Summer, it might be better to have a conference in July or August.

And for these same business girls—and business boys—why couldn't an intensive week-end conference be arranged? Keswick Grove in New Jersey has had immense success with conferences of young people held on week-ends, especially when they coincided with a holiday like Memorial Day, or Independence Day, or Labor Day. And while we would not need to copy Keswick's methods, we might learn from them, and from the Roman Catholic Church, which does the same thing under the name of "Week-End Retreats," to adapt ourselves to the working schedule of our people. Very few of those employed in offices are able to leave their jobs for a whole week in June.

Why could not one of our country missions in a village where there is a hotel be made the center of a Summer week-end conference? There are places in Bucks County and Chester County that are far enough away from the city to provide the attraction of distance, and which have water and woods and fields enough to make them look like vacation lands, and in addition have churches and parish houses large enough for the purposes of worship and study. Distance, a new scene, and good equipment are the three essential needs in locating a Summer conference. Some other communions are already holding conferences in country churches. Quite often a large city parish will take possession of a country church, parish house and village hotel for a week-end retreat and conference of its officers and Sunday School teachers. There is perhaps an unexpressed need for just such conferences in our own Church.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

FOUR years ago when the Democrats held their National Convention in Philadelphia the churches were in expectation, looking for large numbers of visitors on the Sunday when the Convention was in session. But they were disappointed.

The question now before us is: Can we expect anything better from the Republicans when they meet here this month? By extensive investigation a la Dr. Gallup, of the polling Gallups, and by intensive reasoning a la Emmanuel Kant, one might arrive at the conclusion that there will be a larger number of visitors in our churches during this Convention than during the 1936 Democratic conclave. For it has been established by Dr. Gallup that Republicans draw most of their adherents from the higher income bracketeers. Likewise it is well known that the Episcopal Church appeals more widely to those in the same financial latitude. Therefore more Republicans are Episcopalians than anything else. And therefore, also, there will be more Episcopalians at the Republican Convention than at the Democratic Convention. And therefore, finally, more of the delegates and their families will attend our churches. Q. E. D.

Or will they?

We shall see. Anyway let us give them a most hearty welcome. We certainly are glad they are coming.

100 Laymen Meet to Study Church Needs

**Accept Every Member Canvass
As Best Method of Diagnosis
and Cure for Most of Its Ills**

By WILLIAM C. FAUST
Diocesan Director of Publicity

UNLESS the spiritual forces which have been abandoned abroad are sustained here, it will be black ahead. We are still willing here to undertake jobs which others for the moment can't do, and if we can in this Diocese interpret for ourselves the things we want to do, then something will be accomplished.

That statement by Dr. Thomas S. Gates, president of the University of Pennsylvania and chairman of the Field Department of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, sounded the keynote of the informal week-end conference in which more than 100 laymen, every member canvass chairmen of as many parishes and missions, took part at the Spring Mountain House, Schwenksville, on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19.

The purpose of the conference, which was addressed by the Bishop of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Frederick P. Houghton, Executive Secretary of the Diocese; the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Sheerin, Second Vice-President of the National Council; Dr. John W. Wood, Executive Secretary of the National Department of Foreign Missions, and Dr. Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer of the National Council, was to discuss frankly the major problems besetting the Church and to formulate methods and techniques of solving them, with the Every Member Canvass as the main channel of activity.

The conference was arranged by Dr. Houghton as the first step in a forward-looking program of preparation, not only for the 1940 Every Member Canvass, but also as a leaven for future canvasses. The conferees were guests of Dr. Gates.

The most notable results of the conference were:

1. A clear conception—for the first time to many—of the organization of the Church and how it works.

2. A better understanding of the problems facing the Church in the parish, the Diocese, the nation and the world.

3. A realization of the tremendous responsibility of the laymen of the Church in contributing to those problems and in working out their solution.

4. A new comprehension of the Church's responsibility in the mission field, both at home and abroad.

5. Acceptance of the Every Member Canvass as the best solution of immediate problems.

Once the conference got under way, the informal nature of the meetings soon opened the door to frankness, and leaders of discussions "threw away their gloves and pulled no punches." Dr. Houghton described the vast power of the laity in our Church as contrasted to the power of the laity in other communions. On the heels of that exposition Dr. Sheerin, in answer to a question concerning "the discouraged and uninspiring leadership of the clergy," declared there could not be anything but a "beaten clergy and a beaten Church so long as one-half of the communicants of the Church are inactive and only one-third of the communicant strength contribute to the Church's support."

"You are going to be the fifth column in a campaign to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the unchurched 40 percent of America, to bring back those who are slipping away from the Church, and to make your parishes realize that little gifts are as important now as the big gifts we no longer receive," said Dr. Sheerin. "Let your rector know that you are interested in helping him in this tremendous job, and you'll see him take a new lease on life."

The importance of the missionary program was emphasized by pointing out its potentialities in building international good will by peaceful processes as opposed to force—the latter many times as expensive as the first.

The Every Member Canvass was indicated as the only successful answer to all the problems considered by the conference. Not the least important function of the canvass was described as "a spiritual audit," determining the value of the pastoral activities of the clergy.

"The measure of the success of a canvass," Dr. Sheerin declared, "is the extent of participation."

Dr. Wood's highlighting of the work in the foreign mission field made a deep impression on the assemblage and helped to clear the way for Sunday morning's conference.

Sunday was begun with a service of the Holy Communion at 7 o'clock, followed by breakfast in a dining room which overlooked the beautiful valley of the Perkiomen and the hills beyond, topped by the gray walls of Eastern Penitentiary, Graterford.

At 9 o'clock the three-hour final session of the conference got under way with Dr. Houghton leading a discussion of the Every Member Canvass, stressing acceptance of personal responsibility for the cause of Christ through comradeship in His Church.

"In a gathering like this," said Dr. Houghton, "we can face facts. These are facts: In this Diocese are 50 missions that can't support themselves; 20 parishes that can't afford to give the minimum salary of \$2,100 a year and a house to their rectors. We have to go to the other parishes and missions to get aid for the 70, so that they can carry the Gospel message to the people in their communities. The gap between what the parishes and missions promise to give and what the Diocese must have to carry on its work has gone as high as \$90,000. This year it is \$31,500. So we have to ask individuals to give us extra money. If each parish and mission would accept its full quota for missions, we would then be able to ask for individual contributions, not to pay current bills, but to do new work."

An outline of the splendid work carried on by the City Mission was presented. Of the budget of \$230,000 required by the 70-year-old institution, only \$17,000 comes from the Diocesan Budget, it was pointed out. Dr. William J. Enders, superintendent of the Home for Consumptives, Chestnut Hill, described the work of that institution, which is directed by City Mission, and C. Fenno Hoffman, of the Board of Council, spoke briefly of the City Mission itself.

In his summing up of Every Member Canvass methods, Dr. Houghton laid due emphasis on the parish budget as essential to an intelligent canvass. What a canvass chairman ought to know, he indicated in the following outline:

1. Budget for the year.

- (a) Receipts—Endowment income, pew rentals, pledges, plate offerings, etc.
- (b) Expenditures — Missionary Quota and Diocesan Assessments; salaries paid; taxes, mortgage interest and amortization; current expenses; unpaid bills.

2. Parish list.

- (a) Ought the canvasser to know what each individual gives?
- (b) Is the list accurate as to names, addresses, whether baptized or confirmed, neither or both.
- (c) Rector should be persuaded to

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Volunteer Choir Contest

Competition for Bishop's Plaque Seen Stimulating Efforts Toward Higher Standards in Choral Work

THERE is something stimulating about contests, and public performances by church choirs under conditions quite different from the usual Sunday services give new direction to their efforts. A public performance, in a sense, is a contest—a very definite effort to maintain or to enhance one's reputation.

Choir festivals and choir contests are not uncommon in England, in Canada, and in some parts of our country. Frequently such events attract wide attention and involve the finest choral groups from near and distant points. The triennial Handel festivals and the Three Choirs festivals of England have drawn crowds of visitors from all parts of the world. These were in no sense contests, but rather the combining of choral forces from various quarters for the production of large choral works.

The Welsh have long been noted for their interest in competitive festivals, and the winners of their competitions are held in high esteem. The Winnipeg choral contests extend over a period of two weeks, and frequently the adjudicators are brought from England.

In Philadelphia, during the last several years, two kinds of choral contests have been held. One has been conducted under the auspices of the Cultural Olympics movement at the University of Pennsylvania. The other has been a contest of volunteer choirs under the auspices of the Commission on Music of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The former is interested in choirs of all denominations and of various types; the Volunteer Choir Contest, as its name implies, confines its attention to a more restricted group.

A few years ago, when the Commission on Music began to conduct these annual contests, Bishop Taitt presented a silver plaque to be awarded to the winning choir. The terms of the award permitted the choir to hold the plaque from year to year, so long as the holder could retain its place of leadership in the annual contests. In the event that the plaque was awarded to the same choir in three successive annual contests, it was to become the permanent possession of that choir. Thus far, the plaque has continued to circulate, although its present holders, the choir of St. Luke's Church, Bustleton, have won it twice, and will

fall heir to it if they can successfully defend it next Fall.

The forthcoming contest will be held in St. Matthew's Church, 18th Street and

THIRD VOLUNTEER CHOIR CONTEST

The Commission on Music of the Diocese of Pennsylvania announces a contest for the volunteer choirs of the Diocese to be held on Saturday afternoon, November 9, from 1:30 P. M. The contest will be held at St. Matthew's Church, 18th Street and Girard Avenue.

REQUIREMENTS

Each choir will sing and be judged upon the following basis:

1. **HYMN:** No. 11, "O Trinity of Blessed Light." (Tune: Bromley by Clark.) Three verses. First verse in harmony. Second verse unaccompanied in harmony. Last verse in unison. Enunciation, phrasing, tempo and rhythm will be considered for points.
2. **CHANT:** Psalm 103. Tune by Ouseley (No. 642, page 766, in the Pension Fund Hymnal, in the 1930 Edition). Pointing of the 1930 edition to be followed. Several verses may be sung in unison if desired. Accent, phrasing and expression will be considered.
3. **ANTHEM:** "Angels Holy, High and Lowly" by Eric Thiman. Tonal quality, interpretation and tempo will be considered, also balance of voices.
4. **ACCOMPANIMENT:** The organist's ability to accompany the hymn, chant and anthem will be considered in judging the work of the choir. The registration of the organ will be set up previously, and opportunity afforded for practice.
5. **FEE:** A fee of 25 cents for each member of the choir participating will be required to enter the contest. The fee must accompany the Entrance Form when it is returned to the Commission.
6. **LIMIT:** All entries must be received not later than October 1, 1940.
7. **MUSIC:** A copy of the selected anthem will be provided by the Commission for each singer whose entry fee has been paid, such music to become the property of the choir. Sample copy of the anthem is available upon request.
8. **AWARDS:** The winning choir will be awarded the Bishop's Plaque to be held for the period of time between contests (approximately two years). Certificates of merit will be given to the choirs attaining second and third places.
9. **TO ENTER:** Fill out the Entry Blank and send before October 1, 1940, to Miss Roma E. Angel, 7808 York Road, Elkins Park, Pa. Telephone, Melrose 3696. Final details will be sent to all choirs entering the contest at the time the music is distributed.

CHOIR CONTEST COMMITTEE
ROMA E. ANGEL, Chairman
NEWELL ROBINSON
REV. HERBERT B. SATCHER

Girard Avenue, Saturday, November 9, beginning at 1:30 P. M. Adjudicators will judge the work of the contesting volunteer choirs on the basis of the various qualities that combine to produce good ensemble singing of church music. There will be hymn singing, anthem singing, and chanting. Judging from former occasions, the competition will be a very interesting and enlightening one.

Miss Roma Angel, chairman of the Contest Committee, predicts that the event will arouse greater interest than ever among our choirs. There has been much enthusiasm among those who have participated in former years, and the feeling prevails that the contests serve a very useful purpose in stimulating the participants to the attainment of higher choral standards. Notice has just gone out about the November contest, and choirs who would care to register are invited to do so by communicating with Miss Angel, whose address is 7808 York Road, Elkins Park.

3-SIDED LIFE OF PRIEST DESCRIBED FOR YOUTH

Forty young men who may choose the Episcopal ministry as a vocation attended a luncheon conference at St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, beginning at noon on Saturday, May 25, to hear three phases of the priesthood discussed by members of the clergy. The conference was under the auspices of the Diocesan Commission on Recruiting for the Ministry. The Rev. William Newman Parker, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, and chairman of the Commission, presided.

The conference was opened with Litany and Meditation led by the Rev. Canon Ernest C. Earp, D.D., rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. Discussion leaders were the Rev. Dr. Frank L. Vernon, rector of St. Mark's Church; the Rev. Stanley R. West, rector of Calvary Church, Conshohocken, and the Rev. W. Roulston McKean, curate of old Christ Church. Their topics were, respectively, "The Minister As Priest," "The Minister As Prophet," and "The Minister As Pastor."

Open House Marks 20th Year Of Seamen's Church Institute

In commemoration of its twentieth year the Seamen's Church Institute held its fourth annual open house in the institute building, 211 Walnut Street, on Tuesday afternoon, May 28. The program included tea served in the Apprentice Room with members of the Overbrook Auxiliary as hostesses, and unveiling of a tablet in memory of Alexander van Rensselaer, first president of the institute, at the entrance to the building. Mrs. Gouverneur Cadwalader represented the Junior Club Auxiliary at the ceremony. Edwin R. Cox, director of the city's Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, paid an official visit during the afternoon, and cadets of the Pennsylvania Nautical Schoolship Annapolis served as guides to visitors.

125 Years of Religious Education

**First Sunday School Was
Begun in Philadelphia Just a
Century and a Quarter Ago**

By J. WESLEY TWELVES
Rector, Epiphany Church, Germantown

WE Episcopalians in Pennsylvania are proud of our early history and of the splendid contributions made to the common religious growth of our nation. An outstanding milestone should not escape our attention before the anniversary year is entirely out. Miss Helen C. Washburn, who for many years was director of religious education at historic Christ Church, calls our attention to the fact that this current year marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the first Church Sunday School in Pennsylvania, and we believe in the whole United States.

In the fall of 1814, there was established in old Christ Church, Philadelphia, the forerunner of our present Sunday School system. Many in the Diocese will remember the 100th anniversary of this same event, held in old Christ Church in October, 1914. The late Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn, then rector of this historic parish, rehearsed the events leading up to the establishment of the Sunday School movement in America.

We are all familiar with the interesting story of the origin of the Sunday School movement in England. The whole Christian Church will always be indebted to Robert Raikes, an English layman, who in 1780 gathered together on Sunday afternoons groups of street boys in Sooty Alley in Gloucester for religious instruction. So that they might more easily read and understand their Bibles, he also taught them the rudiments of reading and writing, for these poor boys had no other opportunity to acquire the simplest ele-

Sunny skies smiled on the procession that marked the Presentation Service for the Lenten Mite Box Offering on April 28 when the children of the Diocese turned in \$41,500. That amount may yet reach \$42,000. Here is the procession crossing Rittenhouse Square to enter Holy Trinity Church

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ments of knowledge. At first his efforts were opposed by the religious leaders of the established Church, but soon the movement spread rapidly throughout Great Britain, and within thirty years a half million children were enrolled.

When Bishop White went to England to be consecrated in 1787, he heard of the work of Robert Raikes, and on his return to this country endeavored to start a similar movement here. In 1788 he proposed the plan to his vestry, but they were not sympathetic, and for the time being he gave up the idea. However, other laymen became interested, among them Dr. Benjamin Rush, who, while not an Episcopalian, worshipped regularly at Christ Church. He in turn succeeded in getting together a pious group of public-spirited men who agreed to foster the movement. Among these were several members of the Society of Friends.

The result was the formation of what was called the First Day Society, which was organized in 1790. Bishop White was elected president, in which capacity he served for forty-six years, and Matthew Carey, a Roman Catholic, was elected secretary. Several First Day, or Sunday, Schools were started in various parts of the city and its environs. Similar schools were soon established in other parts of the country. These Sunday schools were started and controlled largely by laymen, and often had no affiliation with any religious group or church. They were both interdenominational and undenominational in character, and not always of a religious nature. In fact, it has been said they were the forerunners of the public school system, the leaders working for and encouraging the free public school system.

The first Sunday School to be organized definitely under the auspices of the Church was again the work of Bishop White. In the fall of 1814 the Rev. Jackson Kemper and the Rev. James Milnor, assistant ministers at Christ Church, began a Sunday School at Northern Liberties, meeting in the afternoon in Commissioner's Hall. This effort resulted in the formation of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties. It is said that this represents the first Sunday School incor-

porated by any religious organization in America. It is the formation of this Sunday School that we commemorate now, one hundred and twenty-five years later. Two years after this, similar Sunday Schools were opened in the four Episcopal Churches of the city, Christ Church, St. Peter's, St. James's, and St. Paul's, and a goodly number of scholars was enrolled in each. While attempts were made to start Sunday Schools in different parts of the country during these early days, the accounts are not

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Attention, Artists !!!

... Prepare for Fall Exhibit !

Looking toward more beautiful Church School rooms, the Department of Religious Education invites artists of all ages in the Diocese to contribute original works to an exhibit at the 70th Annual Church School Institute, October 7.

Rules governing the exhibit are:

1. Entries must be suitable for use in Church School rooms.
2. Entries must be brought to Room 30, Church House, by October 1.
3. Your entry may be in any art medium—painting, sculpture, plaque, triptych, frieze, illuminated text, etc.
4. There will be four classes, as follows:
 - I. Children, up to and including 13 years.
 - II. Young people, 14 to 20 years, inclusive.
 - III. Adults, over 20 years of age.
 - IV. The work of a group.
5. An art jury selected by the Department will judge each class.
6. Attach to your entry your name, address, church, class entered, age, if in the children or youth class, and title of subject. Of course, the Department cannot be responsible for damage or loss.

Dig out the members of your parish who have artistic ability and see that your parish is represented in the exhibit.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 10-14 } Woman's Auxiliary Conferences,
17-21 } Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, Va.
June 22—Room 30 closes for Summer
June 23-28—Diocesan Summer Conference,
Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.
July 1-12—Sweet Briar Conference, Sweet
Briar, Va.
September 3—Room 30 reopens for Fall and
Winter
October 7—70th Annual Church School In-
stitute
October 15—First Semester of Diocesan Nor-
mal School begins

The Girls' Friendly Society

**Dull Figures and Prosaic Facts
Are Transformed Into a Thrilling
Picture of Girls Doing God's Work**

By MADELEINE T. SPIESS
National Vice-President-at-Large

REPORTS are usually dull things, unless one can see the picture behind them. So we hope the readers of THE CHURCH NEWS who may not be active in the G. F. S. will use their imagination and try to see a picture of childhood and youth, of happy activities and growing minds and spirits, behind a few figures such as these, compiled from the latest reports:

Active Branches	50
Candidates Classes	39
*Total Membership	2317
* Includes 713 Candidates.	

While the G. F. S. has always opened wide its doors to girls of all denominations, it is interesting to note that 80 percent of the foregoing membership, *exclusive of Candidates*, is Episcopalian, and two-thirds of the Candidates are members of Church Schools or the children of Church people.

Since these more than 2000 persons are rather constantly busy throughout the year, again we ask you to consider some figures as a result of that industry:

Gifts to Parishes	\$1728.22
Gifts to Missions and the Church	911.59
Gifts to Social Service	608.69

Behind such figures is a vital story of co-operative life—training children and youth, and even grown-ups, to work for their Church and their world. There is a story of study groups concerned with the needs and the sorrows of humanity today everywhere, study which produces action. Back of other figures which have to do with Branch life and Holiday House life, there are other stories which tell of happy days and happy times, which are the due of our young people and which the G. F. S. always seeks to provide. And in all of this is a spirit of learning through doing, self-government in the Branches, member-responsibility in every effort.

As a diocesan organization, the society has had a busy year. It took part in the National Council G. F. S.-U. S. A., in a provincial meeting and a provincial conference, held a series of special "training

weeks" at Holiday House for different age groups, provided some of the leadership for the Church's Diocesan Summer Conference at Ursinus College and courses at Church House and gave a full measure of co-operation to the Woman's Auxiliary, especially through the Supply Bureau and the United Thank Offering.

The Committee on Christian Social Relations, 150 strong, met at Episcopal Hospital on May 11, when the Rev. Joseph Manuel, hospital chaplain, conducted a special service for the group in the chapel.

At the 1940 Episcopal Hospital May Fete, the G. F. S. sponsored the Gingerbread Table, and its interest in the Seamen's Church Institute often has been mentioned in these columns. As a channel for inter-diocesan knowledge, Holiday House serves a unique purpose, representatives of sixteen different dioceses having shared its hospitality during the Summer of 1939.

As a part of the G. F. S.-U. S. A., this diocesan organization still stands first in membership and in giving. Through the Contributors' Plan more than \$500 was given to the national work in 1939, by gifts of individual Church people interested in young girls and their future as Church women. This extra offering in no way interferes with the local Branches and is not their responsibility.

Just one more "report" which is too good to keep for another annual! The Candidates Service held Saturday afternoon, May 4, at the Chapel of the Mediator, West Philadelphia, brought more than 500 people to that beautiful church. Of these 478 were Candidates from 31 of the 39 Classes before noted, and honors for the largest contingent went to the group coming the longest distance—154 children from Holy Trinity, West Chester. The preacher was the Rev. Charles Martin, head of the Department of Religious Education, and the singing was led by the Junior Choir of the parish. The offering for the scholarship given to All Saints' School, Bontoc, as is the custom at these services, totaled \$66.50, \$16.50 over the usual scholarship amount. The fact that All Saints' is this

year the beneficiary of the National Money Object no doubt helped toward this generous amount.

Following the service, the Senior Members Club awarded prizes earned in the contest which they stage each year for the Candidates. Thirty-five prizes were given for the best among 177 entries, which covered an amazing variety of handwork, posters, essays, poems and many other subjects. As a final point of interest for the children two of their own group spoke to them—Rachel McCracken, of Christ Church, Franklinville, who told about Holiday House, and Claire Alesbury, of St. Martin's, Oak Lane, who recited some of the thrilling story of Bontoc, for which the offering had just been laid on the altar.

Ceasing to report and turning to the future, we must not neglect to tell of the great opportunity which has come to Miss Dorothy Righter, member of Christ Church and St. Michael's Branch, Germantown. At the recent Leadership Training Conference for the G. F. S. in Province III, held at the Washington Holiday House, Alexandria, Va., Miss Righter led one of the sessions on handcraft, illustrated by numerous examples of the work she teaches in her own group. Deaconess Amelia Brereton, of St. Mark's Mission, Dante, Va., was also on the conference program. She spoke on rural and mission work. The deaconess was so favorably impressed by the young Philadelphia girl that she requested her services for this Summer in connection with the vacation school program for the mountain children of Dante and vicinity. Miss Righter was happy to accept the invitation, and her friends here are making the trip possible—sending her with their prayers and good wishes, and looking forward to her return, when no doubt they will be caught up in the young missionary's enthusiasm for this work in a remote corner of the Virginia mountains. About two years ago, part of the proceeds of the Friendly's National Money Object bought an automobile for this mission—a car named "Charity," which is still doing yeoman service in carrying the staff of St. Mark's Mission wherever they must go.

This brief resume of a year's facts and figures may give, perhaps, some point to words spoken recently by the Presiding Bishop concerning the G. F. S.:

"It is urgent that the Church attack fundamental issues in its work with young people, helping them to see Christianity's answer to the evils disturbing the world. Do not think our boys and girls are too young; they are already exposed to every form of propaganda and to conflicting claims on their loyalties. It is one of our most pressing tasks to present the teachings and claims of the Christian faith in a way they can understand. One organization that is attempting to do just that is the G. F. S. It is aiding children and girls to build Christian character, to discover the message of our Lord to a divided world, to form loyalties and convictions on which they can act. Such an effort to reach young people, at this critical period, deserves serious support."



THE Y. P. F. of the Province of Washington set a new record last month with its annual convention at Orkney Springs. Over 200 members of the organization, representing eleven of the thirteen dioceses in this province, met in a four-day conference which taxed the facilities of Shrine Mont to the limit.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania, with 72 delegates, had by far the largest representation, the Diocese of Washington being next with 48 delegates.

Ideal weather prevailed throughout the conference, the days being warm and sunny and the nights cool and clear.

The theme of the conference was "A Miniature Amsterdam," and the speakers were chosen from those who attended the World Youth Conference at Amsterdam last August.

On Friday, the Rev. Gardiner M. Day, of Wilkes-Barre, spoke on "The Christian in a World of Conflict." Following Mr. Day's address, Frances Caul and Frank Rowley gave an interesting report of some of the unusual events and happenings at Amsterdam. Friday evening the committee provided entertainment, each diocese taking part and providing some portion of the program.

On Saturday, the Rev. Charles W. Lowry, Jr., of Virginia Theological Seminary, made the address on "Our Daily Bread." There were also Bible study groups on these subjects as well as discussion groups on the following topics: "Christian Marriage and Family," "Race," and "Economic Order."

At the business meeting on Saturday afternoon the following provincial officers for 1940-41 were elected:

President, William Hendrix, Diocese of Washington; Vice-President, Gordon L. Bradley, Diocese of Pennsylvania; Secretary, Anne Maguire, Diocese of Delaware; Treasurer, Harvey White, Diocese of Virginia.

The provincial organization also voted to adopt the Y. P. F. symbol of the Diocese of Pennsylvania as the official provincial symbol to be used on stationery and jewelry.

The third day of the conference ended with a dance Saturday evening, followed by a preparation service for the Holy Communion, led by the Rev. Edmund L. Gettier.

On Sunday morning at 7:30, Holy Communion was celebrated with the Rev. Edmund L. Woodward, M.D., as celebrant, and Revs. Charles W. Wood, of Washington, D. C., Charles W. Lowry, Edmund L. Gettier, Jr., assisting.

At 9 A. M. the Rev. F. H. Arterton, National Secretary for Youth, made an address on "Accent on Youth." Mr. Arterton's talks were most interesting and he put his ideas across with appropriate stories.

At 11:30 A. M., the installation service was held in the Shrine, and the Thank Offering was presented by the various dioceses.

The summary of the conference was presented by the Rev. Edmund L. Get-

The Young People's Fellowship

Pennsylvania's 72 Delegates Took Attendance Honors at Provincial Conference Held in Shrine Mont

By VICTOR W. GROSHON
Chairman of Publicity

tier, Jr., who listed the findings of the various discussion groups. This summary will be published at a later date by the conference committee.

In the opinion of Dr. Woodward, director of Shrine Mont, this conference was the largest and best organized of any ever held there, and the committee, headed by William Hendrix, deserves full credit for a good job well done.

We wish also to express our appreciation to those members of the clergy who gave so freely and willingly of their time and effort in order to make this conference the best ever.

The Diocesan Convention

THE 16th Annual Diocesan Convention is now history, and we on the committee wish to thank all who turned out and helped to make it a success. We had 225 delegates from the six Convocations, representing 42 different parishes. Central Convocation had the largest representation with a total of 55. Second came Northwest with 42 delegates; third, Northeast, with 41; West Philadelphia, with 40; Chester, 34, and Main Line, 3.

After the election Bishop Taitt installed the newly elected officers in a brief service in St. Mark's Church, and delivered an address.

The business meeting then was resumed and an amendment was added to the Constitution, following a heated debate. The amendment changes the manner of selecting the nominating committee.

Mrs. Gwen Holland, Secretary of Province II, Y. P. F., presented motion pictures of the Amsterdam Conference. Unfortunately, the discussion during the business meeting used up too much time, and it was necessary for Mrs. Holland to cut the pictures and her address. What we did hear and see was interesting and instructive.

At 6:45 we sat down to our banquet. After much singing and noise-making, we listened to a wonderful and inspiring address by the Secretary for Youth of the National Council, the Rev. Frederick H.

Arterton. He proved to be an interesting speaker and a swell fellow. The young people feel that National Council made a marvelous choice when they selected Mr. Arterton for his job.

Following Mr. Arterton's address, Father Hubbs, chairman of our own Executive Council, presented the Youth Awards. The Rev. Charles S. Martin, head of the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese, received the clergy award; Miss Julia E. Hill, president of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary, received the award for laywomen, and the layman's award went to Lewis N. Lukens, vestryman of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, and chairman of the United Charities Campaign. Because of a previous engagement, it was impossible for Mr. Lukens to be present.

Following this serious set of awards came the annual foolishness—the presentation of the Bachelor Club Awards. The beautiful loving cup for the Fellowship with the prettiest girls at the convention went to St. Mark's. St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Mark's were tied, but St. Mark's won the draw. The cup for the best-looking girl went to Mrs. Carl Meckling, of Central Convocation, and the best-looking boy cup went to Bill Butler.

From 9:30 to 11:45 P. M. we had dancing, the music being supplied by Walter Grummun's Orchestra.

Midnight brought the end of a perfect Fellowship day, and we on the committee hope it will be long remembered by all who attended the convention, and that it will prove to be only one in a series of many interesting and inspiring Fellowship ventures.

We wish at this time to acknowledge receipt of the "Convention Song" written by Miss Ruth Rockey, which arrived too late to be mimeographed and distributed among the delegates.

The chairman wishes to thank the members of the committee, Agnes Brown, Margaret Young, Vic Groshon and Walt Spathelf for their help in planning the Convention, and for the assistance they gave at the Convention.

WILLIAM TODD, JR.



When the Supply Department held its annual exhibit on May 1, Mrs. T. K. Wade (center), Supply Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, came from New York to view the display of nearly 3000 sewn and knitted garments. With her are Mrs. Edward C. Page (left), new Vice-President in Charge of the Supply Department, and Mrs. Rowland Evans

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Streamlined Annual Meeting
to Penn A. C. Ballroom;
at Spring Ingathering

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SURROUNDED as we are by powers of propaganda and ruthless force, it is important to bring to women a renewed conception of the power of God," said Mrs. Robert G. Happ, of South Bend, Ind., in addressing the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Penn Athletic Club on April 23. Mrs. Happ, chairman of the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, was the principal speaker.

The topic of Mrs. Happ's address was the program planned for the Woman's Auxiliary at the General Convention in Kansas City, Mo., October 9 to 24. The program is built around the theme, "Witnesses to the Power of God."

"Good programs don't just happen," said Mrs. Happ. "This one has been worked on for two years, and every fifteen minutes of it has been charted."

Five spiritual imperatives will be studied, she said. They are "to know, to worship, to witness, to readjust, to cooperate," and all are based on the "Worship-Study-Service-Gifts" program to which the Auxiliary already has been committed.

"Somehow we haven't been able to convince the women in their busy lives that they should give their intellects to the Church. When highly intelligent women plan programs, their parishes are vitalized. We should rearrange our attitudes toward learning in the Church," declared Mrs. Happ. "We must keep our minds open. When Bishop Burton couldn't get all the people of his confirmation class inside his church in Haiti, he tore down three sides and left only the East wall standing."

"We don't have to sacrifice principles to use our intelligence for God, nor to cooperate, nor to be witnesses for Him. If every Woman's Auxiliary in every parish and mission could create an inner group of three or four or five people who really love, the influence of that group would be far greater in the larger groups than anyone would believe."

"Love is the center of the great fellowship we have in the Church. Today we have a command—'Be ye witnesses.'"

The world is watching. Are we ready to accept our task of developing a really loving community?"

Mrs. Edward Ingersoll presided at the luncheon and at the meeting which followed. The tables were formed in a hollow square which embraced about 100 seats into which came members who did not attend the luncheon. Others sat in the gallery surrounding three sides of the ballroom. Nearly 500 attended the luncheon and more than 600 were at the meeting. The Bishop was among the guests.

The speakers included Mrs. John E. Hill, who was re-elected provincial representative on the national Executive Board. She described the setup of the province and the diversified nature of the work within its boundaries—metropolitan, rural, suburban, mountain, Indian, Negro.

Pointing to the provincial budget, Mrs. Hill emphasized the obligation of the Diocesan Auxiliary to support it generously. It never has been big enough to do any real work, she said.

The annual meeting was built along new lines this year. Instead of the usual reading of extended reports, seldom acclaimed for brilliance and rarely entertaining, a diversion was created by dividing the reports into groups, each group identified on the stage by a large placard. The reviews of the year's work were greatly abridged, and the quality of their interest was found to be in inverse proportion to their length.

The Book of Remembrance, which was described last month, was presented by Mrs. Francis R. Packard.

Needles Fly at St. Asaph's

During the last seven months Group A, St. Asaph's Woman's Auxiliary, has made 555 articles for the Red Cross, 143 for Bryn Mawr Hospital, one dozen layettes for other agencies, and 41 articles for Church House. A splendid and unselfish amount of service.

ON the morning of April 30, the downstairs rooms of Church House were crowded and silent, save for the voice of a pleasant, dark young man. Faces were bent towards him, eyes focussed on his Nile-green turban topped with a golden cone, while ears strained to catch his words couched in a strange accent. Imaginations were fired, for the young man was Henry Azariah, son of the great native Bishop of Dornakal, India, who is called the greatest living missionary by Dr. Samuel Higginbottom, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, and by Stanley Jones, dynamic missionary of the Methodist Church.

With appealing simplicity the young man told of his life in India, and of his gradual but finally absolute conviction that his life's work was not in engineering but in the Christian mission of practical help to his countrymen. To that end he is studying agricultural management at Cornell University, so that he can teach. He attributed the constructive turn of his life to a talk with Dr. Higginbottom, saying, "Upon that conversation hung the thread of my new life."

The congregation of women smiled complacently as the young Indian took his departure. They were totally unprepared for the bomb shell which the Rev. Dr. Frederick P. Houghton, the Diocese's Executive Secretary, threw into their laps immediately afterward. Did they think the Episcopal Church was encouraging the son of its Indian Bishop, and educating Henry Azariah in farm management and his wife in home economics at Cornell in these United States?

"No," declared Dr. Houghton, "it is not the Episcopal Church, but the Presbyterian Church which underwrote the young couple. Dr. Higginbottom is digging down into his own pocket, into his own salary, to support and educate the young couple. It is not the Episcopal Church. It was Mrs. Higginbottom who encouraged the young man to marry his lovely sweetheart and bring her to

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Meeting Draws 600 Women
U. T. O. Presents \$14,000
St. Stephen's Church

H. SIBLEY HOPKINS
City Chairman

America to study with him, so that the two might be welded the more closely through their memories and joint preparation for a life of service together.

"Dr. Higginbottom has admitted that it is he who is giving \$1,200 a year to educate Henry Azariah and his wife in this country. And though giving \$100 a month to help has been the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to him, yet Dr. Higginbottom simply cannot afford to continue the gift much longer. He asked me if there could not be found some Episcopalian or group of Episcopalians who would be generous enough to lift this responsibility from him and see the young Azariahs through. So I put the case before you."

Can we fail to assume this responsibility after such a marvelous witnessing of Christian fellowship and cooperation by one denomination to another?

\$14,000 Presented by U. T. O. At Spring Ingathering May 9

St. Stephen's Church was the scene of the impressive Spring Ingathering service of the United Thank Offering on May 9. Hundreds witnessed the presentation of \$14,000 by the women of the Diocese. The Rev. George A. Trowbridge, in his sermon, pointed to the United Thank Offering as the most

healthy sign of the vitality of the Episcopal Church.

At this service the Bishop dedicated the Book of Remembrance to the memory of Mrs. Thomas McCrae, Mrs. Frederick H. Howland, and Mrs. Joseph L. Phillips. In this beautiful book will be inscribed "the names of the dead whom the living delight to honor by gifts to further the work to which these (women) gave themselves in the service of God." A full description of the book appeared in the May, 1940, issue of THE CHURCH NEWS.

Plans for another ingathering before the presentation of the last three years'

accumulation of the United Thank Offering at the General Convention in October are under way. Mrs. Francis R. Packard, diocesan custodian of the U. T. O., believes it will be held on Thursday, October 3, just six days before the opening of General Convention in Kansas City on October 9.

This would be an evening meeting, Mrs. Packard indicates, in order to give members of the Evening Group, Women's Auxiliary, an opportunity to attend. Complete details of the meeting, which have not yet been worked out, will be ready in time for publication in the September issue of THE NEWS.

Junior Woman's Auxiliary

"WITH more organized opposition to Christianity than ever before in the history of the world, the Church is facing the greatest opportunity for evangelism in its history," the Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S.T.D., of the Forward Movement staff, told 141 members of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary and their guests at the annual dinner of the group at Kugler's Arcadia on May 15.

"The closing of certain countries to the Christian message, the substitution of nationalism for religion in many nations, the growth of rival ideologies such as Fascism, Nazism and Communism, all constitute a tremendous challenge to Christianity," Dr. Sherman continued.

"But we must begin in our own Church our task of evangelism. An average of 50 percent of those confirmed drop away from the Church. One diocese reports 75 lost out of every 100 confirmed. Why?

"We must stop these leaks, and bring in the unchurched. We must develop a spiritual sensitivity to the needs of others."

"The principle of personal evangelism," Dr. Sherman concluded, "is to share our privileges, our knowledge and their benefits. And above all there must be intelligence and right methods."

Miss Julia E. Hill, diocesan president of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary, was a charming and capable mistress of ceremonies, despite the whims of a public address system which at times took matters into its own hands and hummed a determined and inharmonious obligato.

Other guests were Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, diocesan president of the Woman's Auxiliary, who paid warm tribute to the achievements of the Juniors indicated in the annual reports presented at the meeting; and the Venerable James Fry Bullitt, Archdeacon of the Diocese, pinch-hitting for the Bishop, who was kept from attending by a conflicting engagement, and for the Rev. Frederick P. Houghton, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Diocese, who was ill. Archdeacon Bullitt appealed to the group to assume its share of responsibility in stamping out racial prejudices.

The re-election of Mrs. Charles E. La Roche as chairman of Social Service and the election of Miss Eva Young as

treasurer and Miss Eleanor Shoemaker as chairman of Program were announced. Coupled with this announcement came the statement from Mrs. Ingersoll that Mrs. Thomas A. Budd, retiring Program Chairman, had been drafted by the Woman's Auxiliary for similar work in the senior body.

After roll call of the parishes by the secretary, Miss Emma Brehm, reports on the year's work of the committees were presented in the following order:

Treasurer, Miss Miriam Hussey; Program, Mrs. Thomas A. Budd; Education, Miss Gladys Rondinella; Publicity, Miss Marjorie Heim; United Thank Offering, Miss Ray Phillips; Supply, Mrs. Paul Moore; Social Service, Mrs. Charles E. La Roche; Nominations and Elections, Miss Rondinella.

The following are beneficiaries of the card party given for the benefit of Social Service: Harrison Home, Provincial project—St. Timothy's Hospital, Cape Mount, Liberia; House of Rest; Philadelphia General Hospital; Woman's Council, Home Missions Committee for China relief; Deaconess Marian Brown, St. Michael's Mission, Ethete, Wyo.; Special for India. The balance left in the fund is for Christian Social Service.

The Jr. W. A. of the Diocese voted in favor of organization membership in

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DON'T FORGET

Having attended the conference rally on May 20, we hope to see many Juniors at the following Summer conferences:

Ursinus—June 23-28.

Shrine Mont—June 10-14 and June 17-21.

Sweet Briar—July 1-12.

Every group should plan to be represented. Don't forget that there will be a special interest afternoon hour on the Junior Woman's Auxiliary at the Ursinus Conference. Don't forget that Shrine Mont this year offers a choice of weeks, in the first of which the girls of this Diocese are giving a missionary play. Don't forget that Sweet Briar is an advanced conference. Many of us who have been to Shrine Mont are ready to graduate and receive the broader news of the Church. Don't forget that conferences are all interesting and offer much in fellowship and fun.

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the Woman's Interdenominational Union of Philadelphia and vicinity. Miss Gladys Rondinella, Educational Chairman, will be the representative. It is hoped the younger women of the Diocese will seek to know and understand the work of this organization.

The Executive Board regrets the retirement of two of its members, Mrs. Thomas A. Budd as Program Chairman and Miss Miriam Hussey as Treasurer. After their years of devoted service, members of the board became very dependent on the leadership of both of these young women. We know they will continue their interest and their efforts in furthering the work of the Auxiliary.

JR. W. A. IN THE PARISHES

Calvary, Germantown—In April the Juniors met with the Senior Auxiliary to hear Miss Emillie Buckley tell of the work of the U. T. O. Miss Buckley took us on a "Magic Carpet" to the fields of the various workers, so that we might appreciate the need and see how our contributions are used.

On the first Sunday in May, the Auxiliary joined with the other women's organizations of the parish for a Corporate Communion at the 11 o'clock service.

The annual meeting and election of officers were held May 22.

A cordial invitation is extended to other Junior Auxiliaries to attend the Strawberry Festival, June 19, from 6 to 9 P. M., on the church lawn.

N. ELIZABETH HUSTON, Publicity Chairman.

Trinity, Swarthmore—The Junior group have made several hundred gauze bandages for the Swarthmore Community Health Center in the last few months. Several weeks ago we began to make a large number of scrapbooks of various types for children in Philadelphia hospitals. Plans have been discussed for a hayride or barn dance.

St. John's, Cynwyd—The J. W. A. of St. John's donated \$10 to the church, \$5 of which was towards the redecoration of the church and \$5 for the orchestra which played at our parish reception. Our closing affair of the year was a card party held on May 3 in the parish house. There were door prizes, table prizes and refreshments. Our treasury was increased by \$82.50.

On Sunday, May 5, 10 members of the Auxiliary were present for our second Corporate Communion. Prayers were for Church unity and General Convention. Election of officers and finishing work for the May Fete completed our program on May 13.

Germantown Convocation Holds Garden Day June 6

The Garden Day of the Convocation of Germantown will be held at the residence of Mrs. George Woodward, Mermaid Lane and McCallum Street, Chestnut Hill, on Thursday, June 6. Those who plan to take advantage of a day in this lovely garden and who come by train or trolley will be met at Germantown Avenue and Allens Lane. Those coming by train should get off at Allens Lane station and walk up the hill to Germantown Avenue. Trolley 23 stops at Germantown Avenue and Allens Lane. A delicious cafeteria supper will be served for 25 cents, so bring the whole family.



Received too late for publication in an earlier issue was this photograph of the cast who presented the Morehouse Prize play, "He Is Risen," at the Church of the Messiah on the Sunday after Easter. The Senior Choir and others, totalling 41, took part under the direction of John Hartley, Organist and Choirmaster

N. PHILA. CONVOCATION MEETS IN KENSINGTON

Eighty-five percent of the members of his congregation are now American citizens, largely through his Americanization efforts, the Rev. Silvio G. Biagini, minister in charge of St. Mary of the Annunciation Mission, told the North Philadelphia Convocation at its meeting in St. Luke's Church, Kensington, on May 14. More are being prepared for citizenship, Fr. Biagini said.

Reports of the work at St. Augustine's Mission, St. Christopher's Mission; St. Paul, North Penn; St. Bartholomew, Philadelphia; St. Ambrose Mission, St. George's, Richmond, and St. George's, Venango, were made by the priests and lay workers in charge.

Approximately \$50,000 in cash and pledges has been raised for redemption of mortgages on mission properties, Edgar B. Speer, director of the campaign, told the Convocation delegates.

The Very Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Dean of the Convocation, made a strong plea for support of the Negro work in the Convocation, following the Rev. Tollie L. Caution's announcement that he had declined a call to the rectorship of St. James' Church, Baltimore, his boyhood parish, in order to complete the program he has laid out at St. Augustine's Mission.

There was no mistaking his sincerity and humility when he declared:

"I feel that God wants me at St. Augustine's more than He does in Baltimore. I love St. Augustine's people and they love me. I couldn't leave them now."

At the dinner following the business meeting Mrs. Henry Hill Pierce, New York women's representative on the National Council, delivered a remarkably clear exposition of the National Council set-up and its aims, as well as a stirring

picture of the missionary work in Haiti, where, because of the lack of gifts, Bishop Carson is unable to give the Haitian people enough native priests.

Host to the Convocation, the Rev. David C. Colony, spoke briefly of his work in industrial Kensington.

"The Church must do more than serve its own," he said. "It must serve the community. There can be no Christian social order as long as men and women who want to work are denied that privilege."

A resolution in tribute to the Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis, D.D., former Dean of the Convocation, who recently retired as rector of the Church of the Incarnation, was adopted.

The invitation of St. John's Chrysostom, extended by the Rev. Jesse H. Hawkes, to hold the Fall meeting there next October was accepted.

Aid of Women and Clergy Sought for Neely Film Bill

Members of the clergy of the Diocese and heads of parochial units of the Woman's Auxiliary were urged by the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions to wield all the influence at their command to obtain a favorable report on and ultimate passage of the Neely Motion Picture Bill, hearings on which were scheduled to begin May 13 before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in Washington. The measure would put an end to block booking of films.

The Department, acting with similar departments in the other four dioceses in Pennsylvania, played a strong role in bringing about the passage of Pennsylvania's laws to prevent hasty marriages and to require certificates of freedom from communicable disease on the part of applicants for marriage licenses. The latter law went into effect on May 15.

The Sanctuary of Devotion

Prepared by REV. ROBERT W. BAGNALL, LL.D.
Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Philadelphia



Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee. Thou art my God, and I will bless Thee.
O praise the Lord all ye people. Praise Him ye that dwell in the courts of the Lord.

AN AFFIRMATION

God is my might. My life is in His keeping. He dwelleth in my heart and so is the ruler of my mind and my body. He gives me gladness and peace in times that are easy and times that are hard. He gives me strength to be victorious over all temptation, and to tread underfoot the lion and the dragon. He enables me to sing songs in the night season when all is dark around me, with full assurance that He will bring me to the glory of the dawn. He maketh me young and healthy like an eagle. He lifteth me up to the high places where He dwells, and ever abides with me. God is my might and my helper. Therefore can I lack nothing.

A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

O God, our God, amidst the carnage and chaos of world hatred, bring all Thy children to see their folly and to a sense of understanding and brotherhood. Open Thou the eyes of their minds that false concepts of hatred and lust for power and greed may be cast aside. Bring in the day of world brotherhood and end the night of wrong. Come to the rulers of the world and so move them that they may turn from war to peace, from hatred to love. Enter Thou into the hearts of Thy people throughout all the world, that they may find Thee. Bind up the broken hearts and heal the sorrows of the nations and bring to the world enduring peace, based on justice. Especially do we beseech Thee, at this time, to bless and guide our land and its Chief Executive and all to whom its government may be committed, that they may have ever Thy vision and guidance, and may follow Thy path for the good of all the peoples of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

O Eternal God, of whom every fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, in Whose earthly family there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, bond or free, but only children standing in equal need and equally sharing Thy fatherly care; Grant that Thy church, being quickened by Thy love, may manifest to the world the unity to which Thou callest it in the Gospel of Thy Son, and by the fellowship of His disciples mayest Thou bring healing to the world, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

O Lord God Almighty, guide, we pray Thee, all those to whom Thou hast committed the government of this nation, and grant to them at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength; that upholding what is right, and following what is true, they may obey Thy holy will and fulfill Thy divine purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN SORROW

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, deal graciously, we pray Thee, with all who mourn, especially the sorrowing

and the afflicted in the lands devastated by war, that they, casting every care on Thee, may know the consolation of Thy love, and find that peace beyond the help of men, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

ST. THERESA'S BOOK MARK

Let nothing trouble thee,
Let nothing affright thee,
All things are passing,
God never changes;
Patience obtains everything,
Nothing is wanting to him
Who possesses God.
God alone suffices.

A PRAYER FOR VACATION, DRIVING AND AT PLAY

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the joy of recreation in Thy great out-of-doors. Guide and guard all travelers and the people at play. Inspire considerateness and caution in all who drive and steer on land, on water, and in the air; that life and health may be conserved as precious in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

V. Let us bless the Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

P. *Let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.*

COLLECT FOR TRINITYTIDE

Almighty and everlasting God who hath given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a truth faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the unity; we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. AMEN.

A BLESSING

May God be within us to refresh us, around us to protect us, before us to guide us, above us to bless us, beneath us to hold us up; Who liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. AMEN.

The Presiding Bishop's . . . PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, who art the Father of all men upon the earth, most heartily we pray that Thou wilt deliver Thy children from the cruelties of war, and lead all nations into the way of peace. Teach us to put away all bitterness and misunderstanding, both in Church and State; that we, with all the brethren of the Son of Man, may draw together as one comity of peoples, and dwell evermore in the fellowship of that Prince of Peace, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and ever. AMEN.



Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, is proud of this handsome-looking group of choirs, and, on the basis of "handsome is as handsome does," those who have heard them sing declare we have used the right adjective. The first two rows are the Red and Blue Choirs, both part of the Church School. The Red Choir performs at special services. The remaining singers are members of the regular choirs. All have been trained by William C. Wood, who is seated in the center next to the rector, the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach. At the left rear is Frank Wilcox, rector's warden, and at right rear, A. Raymond Melville, chairman of the Music Committee. Mr. Wood has resigned as organist and choirmaster, it has just been learned

CHRIST CHURCH FAIR REVIVES OLDEN DAYS

Old Christ Church, Second Street above Market, held its second "Fair of Old Philadelphia" on Friday, May 24. The first of these yearly celebrations was held last Spring, its proceeds enabling the parish to build a club room and a library which are open to the public.

At 11 A. M. the time-mellowed bells in the Church tower announced the opening of the Fair. Lunch was served until two o'clock. During the lunch hour the Strawbridge and Clothier Chorus sang. There was a fashion show at 3 P. M., a Police Band concert from 4 to 6 P. M., and a choir service at 6:30 P. M. Dinner was served from 6 to 8 P. M. In the evening there were concerts by the Christ Church children's rhythm band and by the Philadelphia Harmonica Band. At 9 P. M. a candlelight service was held in the Church.

All day long the market booths offered their varied wares for sale. There were a fortune teller, ponies, a Punch and Judy show, and games. Of special interest were the exhibits of historical costumes and historical paintings. There was also a hobby show, which was open to all.

Missionary to Japan, Survivor Of Athenia Disaster, Speaks

Miss Bernice Jansen, supervisor of a girls' schools in Sendai, Japan, and a survivor of the torpedoed liner Athenia, addressed the Woman's Aid to the Convocation of Chester on May 16 at St. George's Church, Ardmore.

Miss Jansen suffered severe head injuries when she struck a piece of timber as she fell from a boat that was being lowered from the Athenia and was rescued after several hours in the water.

A native of Red Wing, Minn., and a

graduate of Winona State College for Teachers, she taught school in northern Minnesota for two years before entering the mission field in the mountains

of southwestern Virginia. She is taking special work at Columbia University before returning to Japan where she has been stationed since 1928.

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The Story of the Church,
Rev. James C. Gilbert
Life of Christ,
Very Rev. Granville Taylor, D.D.
The Christian Facing Life's Problems,
Rev. George A. Trowbridge

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Personal Religion, Rev. Alfred M. Smith
Church School Teaching
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Rev. William MacD. Sharp
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cial Speaker

SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR LAYMEN

On Monday and Wednesday, June 24 and 26, at 8 P. M., Mr. Louis N. Lukens, Vestryman of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, and chairman of the United Campaign, will speak on the layman's place in the Church. Those coming especially for these meetings are welcome for dinner and overnight if they make reservations.

84 Years Of Practical Christianity

Record of Work and Growth of the
Church Home for Children Since
1856 Shows Thoughtful Progress

By MRS. CHARLES SINKLER
President, Board of Managers

THIS narrative of the genesis of the Church Home for Children makes its best beginning by a quotation from the Annual Report for the year 1861:

"A little band of Christian women met in the parlor of a small house on George Street. The house in which the meeting had been called had been taken for one quarter, and a friend had gone security for payment of the rent. Without a dollar in hand, but through solicitation among the Church women of the neighborhood, already its bare floors and vacant rooms had been furnished, and on the first Tuesday in February, 1856, with advice and co-operation of the clergy, the Home was organized, its Board of Council and Managers appointed and measures taken to provide for its future government."

The children were instructed at that time by a resident teacher, and so continued for a number of years.

On April 21, 1856, the school received the episcopal imprimatur, in the following words:

"The undersigned takes pleasure in expressing his interest in the Church Home for Children, recently established, and cordially recommends to favorable notice of Episcopalians the effort which is now being made to procure funds for a suitable building.

ALONZO POTTER,
"Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania."

At the beginning, and for some time afterward, both boys and girls were cared for. The first annual report, February 3, 1857, records 50 children having been sheltered in the home, and the Board of Managers were satisfied that the need for such an institution as ours had been demonstrated.

It appears that the home was first conducted at 1609 Pine Street, Philadelphia. On October 10, 1857, the cornerstone of a new building for the home was laid at the corner of 22nd and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, and, in 1858, the home was removed to the new building. It is related in an early report that no children were refused admission to the home because of denominational distinction, "... when with us we offer to all gath-

ered within our walls the privileges and blessings of the Church of our love, believing, as we do, that in the system provided by the Church for the training of the young we can most successfully bring them up."

In an early report the object of the Church Home, in respect of the training of children, is recited as follows: "... To give young girls training for self support, this being with a view to the occupation in which each is most likely to succeed. They are systematically trained in housework, washing and ironing, cooking, bread making, sweeping, dusting and scrubbing. ..." At that time no girl under four or over nine years of age was admitted, and those taken remained under the control of the Board of Managers until they were eighteen years of age, unless parents or guardians were able to provide for them. While in the home, the parents or guardians were expected to make payments each month, according to their ability. In all cases the children are trained in the faith of the Episcopal Church.

In the year 1870, Mrs. Ann G. Thomas gave to the Church one and a half acres of ground at the first station of Angora on the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad, as a building site; likewise eleven acres two squares distant, to be held for future endowment of the institution. It was foreseen that the cost of erecting suitable buildings for the accommodation of 150 children would be \$40,000. Evidently the efforts of the managers were soon productive, for on October 29, 1870, the cornerstone for the new building was laid.

On May 15, 1873, the building was dedicated and the children were moved to the new site of the Home.

In the report for the year 1874 there is recorded a discussion respecting the building of a stone chapel, and, on May 4, 1875, the cornerstone for the new chapel was laid. The cost of the building was \$10,000.

In the year 1880 is the first record of our association with the Society for the Protection of Children from Cruelty. It applied to have two or three girls admit-

ted at various times as temporary students, and a resolution was adopted to give all the assistance possible to the society.

It is recorded that in 1891 there were 110 children in the home.

In 1892 the construction of an infirmary building to care for the sick children of the home was under discussion, and in 1893 the building was completed—the gift of Effingham B. Morris, in memory of Caspar Morris.

In 1900 the suburban residents of Sherwood began the use of our chapel for services on Sunday evenings, supplying their own clergyman, and in 1901 they asked permission to unite in regular Sunday morning service, which apparently was granted.

The report for 1904 relates that 58th Street was opened by order of the court, and in that year there was erected a pavilion for the children, as a place for play and to keep them protected from the heat in Summer and the damp, wet earth in Winter. This was the gift of the late Edward T. Stotesbury.

In 1911 teaching at the home was discontinued, and the children began receiving their education at the public schools. There continued at the home a supervisor of their house work.

In 1924 minor alterations were made in the main building, to increase the comfort and convenience of the household in an effort to bring the building up to the standards of the day.

In 1925 a new stone wing was built, in which were modern kitchens, pantry and store rooms.

In 1926, and for several years thereafter, the children attended St. James's Church, Philadelphia, the transportation being by motor bus.

The foregoing relates the development of the home during a period of seventy years, and the devoted care and generosity of the managers; the gifts from them and their friends and other public-spirited persons.

A decline had already occurred in the number of children in the home, due in no way to any relaxing of care of the management, but probably to a number of causes—of some of which we are aware. Possibly the chief reason for the decline was the conviction that girls were better cared for in the homes of individuals than in institutions. Whatever the cause, the number of children diminished until it was seen to be no longer wise to maintain the home as it had been conducted up to that point, and it was closed.

A period of thoughtful consideration and discussion ensued, in order to determine whether to use the income from our invested funds through some other institution, or possibly to combine with another. An extensive survey was made to find out the greatest need in the Diocese, and advice was had from those best able to help in the solution of our problem.

After long and careful consideration, it was decided to reopen the home to care for adolescent girls, to be admitted between the ages of eleven and fifteen, at which time, in many cases, the most

difficult circumstances are met by young girls. The girls come to us after careful investigation by the Juvenile Court. This does not mean that the children have been found by the court to have committed some offense and are sent to the home for punishment or reformation; on the contrary, the purpose is to remove the children from unfavorable surroundings and to prevent them from coming before the courts. Our effort is to develop them into useful citizens, keeping them until they are 18 years of age and able to care for themselves. Our training is specifically the same as in the early days, except that the children are not taught to make bread and that they attend the public schools, insofar as they show ability; otherwise, they are placed in vocational schools, undergoing training in occupations in which they are most likely to succeed.

The infirmary and laundry buildings have been remodeled. The latter is now a dwelling unit; the former a combined administration building, office, dining room and kitchen. The top floor is devoted to cases of slight illness, other than contagious diseases, which must be sent to appropriate hospitals in compliance with the law.

The girls are now housed in what is considered the most advantageous manner, that is, in alcoves containing one or two beds. The capacity of the present building is eighteen, and although the building was only reopened in November last, there are fourteen girls now in the home, and it is believed that it will soon be filled to capacity. If demand requires it, and we are confident that it will, we hope to erect in the future other units as they may be needed.

Thus we have seemed to pass through a difficult period, when the home was near to dissolution. In its rejuvenation for the purpose of caring for adolescent girls whose surroundings are detrimental, we have entered upon a field which is considered the most advanced, or at least abreast of any other endeavor for the welfare of our youth.

To develop the project further, it is necessary that contributors to the home be found. Not only will funds be required, but the interest and advice of the philanthropic people of our community and those who are disposed to help the problems of young girls must be secured. In the past each parish in the Diocese contributed annually. Lately these contributions have fallen off.

At the suggestion of Judge Sinkler, one of our Board of Council, Judge Edward G. Shmidheiser, a judge of the Municipal Court, and Philip C. Pendleton, Esq., counsel for the Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania, were elected to the Board, and these three gentlemen have offered to co-operate with the Board of Managers in meeting their problems and to visit the home from time to time. To them, with Henry B. Cox, James E. Gowen and Newbold Taylor, the committee on property submitted estimates for the demolition of the old building and a contract will soon be awarded for that undertaking. This was on the recommendation of the Board of

Managers, who have felt that such a structure is no longer desirable for the purpose for which it was erected. The height of the rooms is so great that the trips up and down the stairways are unnecessarily long and fatiguing, the expense of heating in Winter and of keeping it clean and in good order at all times is great.

Since the resignation of the Rev. F. Alan Parsons as superintendent and chaplain on March 15, Mrs. Edward W. Hammond has been superintendent. She formerly was assistant superintendent of the Burlington County (N. J.) Children's Home.

Missionary Sees Indifference Bringing Ruin to the Church

The indifference of its people is bringing ruin to our Church, the Rev. Hector MacD. Thompson, vicar and warden of St. Michael's Mission to the Arapahoe and Shoshone Indians, Ethete, Wyo., told a congregation at the missionary mass meeting of the West Philadelphia Convocation held in Grace Church, Girard Avenue and Leidy Street, on May 9.

Mr. Thompson dumped into the laps of Episcopalians a large share of responsibility for the social chaos that threatens agricultural and industrial America today. Citing the fact that rural America has arrived almost overnight at the point where it is actually at war with the organized power of investment bankers; that 30 to 50 million people on American farm lands are maladjusted because of the sudden attempt to liquidate farm mortgages; that 500,000 boys of 17 to 25 are being returned to the farms each year by colleges and high schools, Mr. Thompson pointed out the Church's unpreparedness to cope with the situation.

Co-operatives, one of the largest in Wyoming being headed by Mr. Thompson, are playing an important role in relieving the economic condition among the rural people, he said, but what is going to become of them spiritually is in the hands of the Church.

The same thing is happening in industrial areas, the congregation was told. And the same responsibility there rests upon the Church.

"Money is needed, of course," Mr. Thompson said. "Money for school books in mission schools, for buildings and repairs. In 1930 St. Michael's Mission got \$40,000 a year from the missionary funds. It has been cut steadily every year since, until the appropriation for 1940 is down to between \$9000 and \$10,000.

"This means reduced salaries, no money for upkeep of property or for endowment. I'm not worried about myself—I won't starve. But the work suffers.

"Not only money is needed, but manpower is needed, too. Send us young, vigorous men to help us. I appeal to the conscience of the Church to awaken to its obligation to the Indians and to the rural people."

Mr. Thompson's address lent a climactic note to the meeting of the Convocation, at which the Rev. Mark Mills

\$34,154,000 Assets Reported By Church Pension Fund

New York, May 27—The Church Pension Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church reports assets of \$34,154,000 with a market value \$1,154,000 in excess of that figure as of the end of 1939, according to the twenty-second annual report just issued. The fund, which protects all Episcopal clergymen and their families, was begun in 1917 by Bishop Lawrence, retired Bishop of Massachusetts, and is now paying total pensions at the rate of \$1,342,000 a year. Since its inception it has paid out pensions totalling \$17,900,000.

Garcia was re-elected secretary and Walter M. Kalmey was re-elected treasurer. Others re-elected were the Rev. John M. Weber and C. J. Cutting, representatives to Executive Council; and the Rev. David Holmes and Alan Hanson, members of Convocation's Executive Committee.

Sale of the old property of St. Michael and All Angels, 48th Street and Haverford Avenue, was announced, and the Convocation adopted a resolution of sympathy for the family of Albert E. King, late member of the Executive Committee, who represented St. Mary's, Hamilton Village.

St. Andrew's Church, 36th and Baring Streets, was chosen as the place of the Fall meeting, which will be held October 17.

Unusual Whitsunday Rites At St. John's Free Church

An unusual and inspiring service was held in St. John's Free Church Whitsunday morning. The service emphasized the Epistle with its "many races and tongues." The smaller children and the Junior Choir presented "Curious Cradles in Different Lands"; members of St. John's School presented "A Whitsunday Pageant" by Bates; the Bugle Corps of Capron Post, V. F. W., played; a group of girls from St. Augustine's Church sang Negro spirituals; part of the choir of St. Mary of the Annunciation sang two Italian hymns, and the choir of St. John's sang the Gloria from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. Red geraniums were given to the younger children.

The procession of two hundred people from the parish house to the church was most impressive. It was led by the Bugle Corps in uniform, followed by St. John's Senior Choir and St. Mary's Choir in white, the Junior Choir and younger children in red, St. Augustine's Choir in blue, and the cast of the pageant in costumes of various colors. St. John's vestry were also in the procession. The church was filled. It was felt that God had indeed made of one blood all races of men. Fr. Biagini, of St. Mary's, and the Rev. Tollie L. Caution, of St. Augustine's, deserve the warmest thanks for their cooperation.

encumbered or disposed of without the consent of the diocesan authorities. During these years the relations between The Church Foundation and those administering the financial affairs of the Diocese have become increasingly intimate and mutually helpful.

The Duplex Envelopes

THE duplex envelopes are intended as distinctly for two separate objects—one side for our parish and all its obligations and the red side for the missionary work of the Church. If each month the amount on the red side of the envelopes was sent direct to missions, it would greatly facilitate the work and save the need of borrowing money to meet obligations. A great number of people in our parishes are not properly informed about missions and the work that is being done throughout the mission field. It is hoped that interest will be stimulated so that this great work of the Church will go forward.

IN the ten years of my Episcopate there have been in the Diocese 32,237 baptisms and 31,947 confirmations. Some people ask, "What becomes of the baptized? Why is there such a discrepancy between baptism and confirmation?" In the Diocese of Pennsylvania more than 97 percent come to confirmation. This is largely due to our large and efficient Sunday Schools.

In those ten years \$1,562,142 has been contributed to missions through the National Council and many thousands through special gifts.

In those ten years 95 men have entered the ministry.

I cannot close without expressing my happiness in the great affection that has been shown me. I do not believe that in this whole country, there is another diocese where greater affection for their Bishop exists or greater readiness to assist him in all his undertakings. For these he devoutly thanks God. He assures his people that his love for them is unbounded. His earnest prayer is that God will give us the grace to see and know the great work which He puts it in our power to do; and the consciousness of His manifold gifts. Above all may we pray that He may give us grace to use these gifts, always to His honor and glory.

Lord, in loving contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on thee
Till we taste thy full salvation
And thine unveiled glories see.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

June 2—Second Sunday after Trinity

Morning—Kennett Square, Advent
Afternoon—Philadelphia, Hard of Hearing Chapel
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Mary of the Annunciation

June 9—Third Sunday after Trinity

Morning—Warwick, St. Mary
Afternoon—Compass, St. John
Evening—Honey Brook, St. Mark

June 16—Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Morning—Concord, St. John
Morning—Rockdale, Calvary



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Unveil Rhinelander Memorial On Cathedral Day, June 22

A tablet in memory of the Rt. Rev. Philip Mercer Rhinelander, seventh Bishop of Pennsylvania, will be dedicated at noon by Bishop Taitt in the Cathedral Church of Christ, 8600 Ridge Avenue, Upper Roxborough, as part of the all-day celebration of Cathedral Day (Diocesan Day), Saturday, June 22. Congregations of all parishes and missions in the Diocese are invited to spend the whole day at the Cathedral. There will be picnicking on the grounds.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 A. M. at the new St. Hugh Altar, so named because it contains a carved stone from the English Cathedral erected by St. Hugh. At 4 P. M. the Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D., Canon Residentiary, will preach, and the choir of St. John's, Norristown, will provide the music.

For the duration of hostilities abroad the Cathedral will be open every Friday from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. for private prayers and noon-time devotions for peace. A sign on the Cathedral grounds invites passersby to come in on Fridays and join in the prayers for peace.

From names submitted by the Bishop, the Standing Committee and the Convention, the Bishop and the Cathedral Chapter elected the following Canons at a meeting in Church House on May 22:

The Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D., and Messrs. John Kremer and J. H. Rankin, to serve for four years; the Rev. James H. Jacobson, to serve for three years, and the Rev. Richard J. Morris to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Louis W. Pitt, now rector of Grace Church, New York.

First Hard of Hearing Group Confirmed by Bishop Taitt

For the first time in the history of the Church a class made up entirely of persons with impaired hearing was confirmed by Bishop Taitt in the Chapel of the Hard of Hearing, 217 South 20th Street, on Sunday, June 2. They were presented by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling.

The class of eleven included a father and mother and their two children. The oldest member of the class was an 84-year-old woman who had been unable to hear a church service in more than 30 years until she began to attend services conducted by Mr. Meckling.

The chapel, on the second floor of Holy Trinity parish house, is equipped with 50 hearing aid units, each with a separate control by which the listener may adjust the volume to suit his own hearing. The chapel held its first service on October 17, 1938.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood Sets June 15 for Spring Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Pennsylvania Diocesan Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held Saturday, June 15, at the Memorial Church

News of the Churches

Atonement, Morton, Celebrates 64th Anniversary of Founding

The sixty-fourth anniversary of the meeting that resulted in the founding of the Church of the Atonement, Morton, was celebrated by the parish on Sunday, May 26. The Rev. E. H. Bonsall, Jr., former rector, now on the staff of the Pennsylvania State Council of Religious Education, preached the anniversary sermon at the morning service, and the Very Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, Dean of the Chester Convocation, was the preacher at the vesper service.

The afternoon was devoted to a reunion and picnic on the church grounds, with many former members of the parish joining the celebration. The services were conducted by the rector, the Rev. Charles H. Urban.

The annual outing of the Men's Club of St. John's, Lansdowne, will be held at Schwenksville on Saturday, June 8. The program includes quoits, softball and other athletic outlets followed by dinner at Krupp's Hotel.

A unique service was held at St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, on Memorial Day, when the stone marking the grave of Walter Martin, donor of the ground on which the 240-year-old church stands, was re-dedicated after having been recut. The

of the Good Shepherd, Oak Road near Midvale Avenue, Germantown.

The meeting will begin with an athletic program on nearby Penn Charter Field at 2 P. M. A service of Evensong at 5:15 will be followed by supper at 6:30 and a business meeting at 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz, rector of St. Paul's, Elkins Park, will be the speaker.

Bishop Dedicates New Hall For St. Christopher's Mission

The Bishop of the Diocese officiated on Wednesday, May 29, at the dedication of the newly erected St. Christopher's Hall, in connection with St. John's Settlement, at 1332 North 12th Street. Visitors were welcomed by Joseph W. H. Cooper, lay reader in charge of the mission, and the Very Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Dean of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, made the principal address. The building was made possible by the 1938 Advent Offering of the children of the Diocese.

Bucknell Chaplain Available For Supply in July and August

The Rev. Morris W. Derr, Episcopal student pastor at Bucknell University, announces that his duties on the campus will permit him to fill supply posts during the months of July and August. Those interested may communicate with him by letter at 202 South Third Street, Lewisburg, Pa., or by telephone at Lewisburg 5-8395.

lettering, nearly obliterated by time and weather, was similarly renewed just before the Civil War. It is planned to erect in the church a tablet bearing the names of the eighteen persons whose remains are buried beneath the building.

Negro Priest Here Accepts Rectorate in Charleston, S. C.

The Rev. Matthew W. Davis, Jr., vicar of St. Mary's, Chester, and Ascension Chapel, West Chester, left May 27 for Charleston, S. C., to take up his duties as rector of St. Mark's Church. He resigned from the Diocese of Pennsylvania as of May 31.

A native of Camden, N. J., Mr. Davis attended Camden public schools, Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C., and Lincoln University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1932. He was graduated from Philadelphia Divinity School and ordered deacon in 1936 and was ordained by Bishop Taitt in 1937.

The Whitsuntide meeting of the Southwest Church School Association was held at St. Paul's Church, Chester, on May 14. Informal group meetings for the exchange of ideas about different grades in the Church School preceded dinner. Following the business meeting daily vacation Bible schools were discussed by Miss Eleanor A. Deane, chairman of that

Clubs Help Beautify Corner Of Christ Church Burial Ground

With the interest and help of Chapter Two, Colonial Dames of America; the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the Revolution; the American Philosophical Society, the Poor Richard Club and the Wissahickon Garden Club, the vestry of Christ Church has re-landscaped its historic burial ground at Fifth and Arch Streets and created in the southeast corner "The Little Garden" as a place for quiet rest and meditation for those who would so use it. The work was dedicated with fitting ceremonies on May 1.

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division of the Department of Religious Education, and Miss Edith C. Loughridge, an experienced grade school and vacation Church school teacher. L. Cheyney Smith, of Lower Merion High School, and David J. Anderson, of Springfield High School, led a discussion on "Experience and Activity Centered Programs in the Church School." A devotional meeting led by the Very Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, rector of St. Paul's, closed the program.

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remove all dead wood from the list—the canvasser's time is valuable.

3. Preparation.

- (a) Size of canvassing committee should be determined by the number of individuals to be canvassed—ideal is two men to a team, each team to call on no more than 10 individuals.
- (b) Thoroughly inform the canvassers of the budget needs, the mission of the Church, how it works through the parish, through Diocesan missions and institutions, and through the General Church in the domestic and foreign mission fields. Hold meetings for this purpose.
- (c) Adopt a time table and follow it as closely as possible. The Presiding Bishop has set November 10 to 24 as the dates for this year's Canvass.

4. Remember that it is not the rector's job to raise money. His function is primarily pastoral. It is the responsibility of the laymen to support the Church.

Dr. Houghton was followed by Dr. Wood, who was called upon to answer a barrage of questions concerning the work in the foreign field, the division of the missionary dollar, cooperation with the Anglican and other communions, evangelism in Russia, material losses suffered by the Church through the war in China, the extent to which Chinese congregations are self-supporting, etc. The type of questions asked indicated that the conferees were aroused to constructive thinking. They needed the answers to complete their own personal inventories, and they got them.

The final speaker was Dr. Franklin, who from his own experience, enriched by his 20 years as Treasurer of "281," by his life-long devotion to the Church and by his work as "the tail-end member of the tail-end team" in his own parish canvass, presented a challenge and the inspiration to accept it. The forcefulness of his oratory visibly affected every man in the room.

Citing the Offices of Instruction in the Book of Common Prayer, Dr. Franklin pointed out that the "bounden duty" of every man present as a member of the Church was "to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in His Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom."

"It is our duty as canvass chairman," he declared, "to spread this idea of responsibility."

In rapid-fire question-and-answer fashion, Dr. Franklin then outlined a layman's duties and responsibilities.

DR. FRANKLIN: What kind of work are we going to do? Our job is to do what

needs to be done. What is the weak spot in your parish?

FROM AUDIENCE: The Church School.

DR. F.: Is it the Church School? Is there someone in your congregation who knows something about education? Our laymen have been so used to leaving the job to the parson that they have lost track of the abilities they possess. Perhaps you can find the person you need in your canvass. What other need have we?

FROM AUDIENCE: We need more men.

DR. F.: Why are our men indifferent?

FROM AUDIENCE: We don't give them a program that interests them.

DR. F.: They are not interested because they know nothing about what the Christian faith is and what it can do for a man. The greatest missionary field open to the Episcopal Church is our own Episcopal Church and its members.

"Businessmen," Dr. Franklin concluded, "are trying to improve material surroundings, but our job is to change the man himself from the inside out so he can triumph over his surroundings; to change the hearts and lives of those about us as well as our own."

In response to a motion from the floor the conferees gave a rising vote of appreciation to Dr. Gates, who expressed his own thanks and declared:

"We were not quite sure that this experiment would work, but we know now that it will. We have a group of men here, who, if they stick together, can accomplish anything."

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The burden of His sorrow and His hope,
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John Oxenham

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Orkney Springs, Va.—Centrally located in the Province, Shrine Mont again this year offers an easily reached Allegheny Mountain setting and a splendid conference for clergy of the general Church. The dates are July 25-25.

The Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop, and Dean Hughell E. W. Fosbrooke, of General Theological Seminary, head the faculty. Bishop Tucker will discuss "The Bearing of Foreign Missions on International Problems." Dean Fosbrooke will give a series on "The Religion of the Old Testament and Its Present Significance"; the Rev. Corwin C. Roach, Ph.D., of Bexley Hall, "The Use of the Bible in Preaching"; the Rev. John W. Norris, S.T.B., of Philadelphia Divinity School, "Church Music—the Responsibility of the Clergy, and Their Relation to This Art," and the Rev. Robert A. Goodwin, B.D., "Knowing Our Lord Through St. John."

A feature of this conference will be the dedication of the recently completed Tucker Lodge. The most significant building at Shrine Mont since erection of the Shrine itself 15 years ago, it adjoins the other two units of the central group, Brown Social Hall and the refectory. The structure includes lodging accommodations upstairs, with Art Hall, on the lower floor, a combination assembly hall and quiet rooms for reading and writing. It will house 2000 volumes gathered from all parts of the country by the Church Periodical Club, thus bringing Shrine Mont's library to 7000 volumes.

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REV. WILLIAM T. METZ

Vicar of St. Gabriel's Mission since March 1, 1919, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and the 25th anniversary of St. Gabriel's in the octave beginning Trinity Sunday, May 19, and ending the following Sunday, May 26. Fr. Metz was ordained on Trinity Sunday, 1915, by Bishop Biller in South Dakota where he spent several years as a missionary before returning to the city of his birth as vicar of St. Gabriel's, which was opened at Rising Sun Avenue and Rockland Street a quarter of a century ago. The Rev. Granville Mercer Williams, superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, preached the sermon commemorating Fr. Metz's anniversary. On May 23 the Bishop, the Very Rev. Charles E. Eder, Dean of Germantown; the Rev. George R. Miller, first vicar of St. Gabriels, and Fr. Metz were honored at a reception in the parish house

Anniversaries that will be observed this month are:

Sunday, June 16—St. Jude and the Nativity will observe founder's day and the rector, the Rev. John L. Saunders, will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his deacon's orders. Roland S. Morris, Chancellor of the Diocese, will speak at the 10:45 A. M. service. Mr. Saunders has been at St. Jude's for 15 years.

Sunday, June 23—A special festival Evensong will begin a week of celebration of the 85th anniversary of St. John the Baptist's Church, Germantown. Music will be by an augmented choir and the Bishop will preach. On Monday, June 24, St. John the Baptist's Day, there will be two services of Holy Communion, and on June 23, the octave Sunday, there will be a Choral Eucharist with a parish Corporate Communion. The Rev. Ralph E.

After fifty-three years as crucifer at St. Timothy's, Roxborough, Samuel A. Hawthorne (left) was honored by 150 men of the parish, many of them former acolytes or members of the choir, at a dinner in the parish house. The Rev. Frederick Biddle Halsey, former curate and son of a former rector, is seen presenting a handsome gold watch to Mr. Hawthorne at the dinner
Church News Photo



ANNIVERSARIES, PAST AND FUTURE, LISTED

Among the significant anniversaries which have been celebrated in the Diocese in the last few weeks are the following:

April 28—The Rev. Edgar C. Young, D.D., Th.D., observed the twenty-fourth anniversary of his vicarate at Phillips Brooks Memorial Chapel with a parish Corporate Communion at 7 A. M. and services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. The Very Rev. Henry L. Phillips, retired Archdeacon for Colored Work, preached at the morning service and Dr. Young preached at the evening service, which was followed by a reception at which a purse was presented to him.

May 18—The Rev. Francis H. Smith, rector of All Saints', Fallsington, observed the 45th anniversary of his diaconate orders and the 30th anniversary of his rectorship. A reception was tendered to Mr. Smith on May 21 by his parishioners and other friends in the community, who gave him a purse.

May 19—The Very Rev. John E. Hill, sixteenth rector of All Saints', Moyamensing, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of his rectorship with a Corporate Communion at 11 A. M. and a pilgrimage to the old Church of All Saints, 12th Street above Catharine, in the afternoon. A reception to Dean and Mrs. Hill was held in the parish house on May 21. The Bishop attended.

May 19—The Rev. Robert W. Bagnall, LL.D., observed the seventh anniversary of his rectorship at St. Thomas' Church, and, on May 22, 100 members of the two confirmation classes presented by him in 1939 gave a dinner in his honor in the parish hall.

Coonrad is curate in charge under the direction of the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown.

DIVINITY SCHOOL HONORS ARCHDEACON PHILLIPS, 93

A 93-year-old Negro priest, oldest living alumnus of the Philadelphia Divinity School, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the school's commencement exercises in St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel, 42d and Spruce Streets, on June 6. He is the Venerable Henry Laird Phillips, retired Archdeacon for Negro work in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, who was graduated in 1872 and ordained to the priesthood in 1876.

Similarly honored were the Rt. Rev. Howard R. Brinker, Bishop of Nebraska, commencement speaker, and the Very Rev. Hiram R. Bennett, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Wilmington, Del. The degrees were presented by Bishop Taitt, president of the Joint Boards.

Four young men, the first to be graduated from the school since the present management took over in 1937, received diplomas, and three received degrees in course.

The members of the graduating class were the Rev. Charles A. Elliott and the Rev. David O. Trauger, both of this Diocese, who were ordered deacons on May 20; Myron V. Hulfe, of the Diocese of Erie, and Samuel Steinmetz, Jr., of the Diocese of New Jersey. Messrs. Elliott and Steinmetz received degrees of Bachelor of Theology, and the Rev. Arthur C. Moore, vicar of the colored congregations of St. Cyprian's and St. Monica's, received his master's degree in theology.

Mr. Elliott is vicar of St. Andrew's, West Manayunk, and St. Stephen's, Wisahickon; Mr. Trauger is in charge of Good Shepherd, Kensington; Hulfe and Steinmetz, who will be ordained later in their own dioceses, will be assigned respectively to St. Agnes' Church, St. Mary's, Pa., and to St. James' Church, Paulsboro, N. J., and St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill, N. J.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR 125 YEARS

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clear as to the type of school formed. The records do show that in 1815 a Sunday School was established in Christ Church, Boston. In the following year, six Sunday Schools were opened in New York City and one in Burlington, N. J. The New York Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Society was organized in 1816 and a similar society started later in the same year in Philadelphia.

These early Sunday Schools were quite well organized, with qualified teachers and a strict system of discipline. The teachers were fined for their absence or failure to make calls upon absentee scholars. The amount of memory work that was done by the children of that day and the vast amount of Scripture learning they acquired is amazing to us today. No wonder our grandparents could quote the Bible so fluently. It is recorded that "one girl recited 322 verses of the Bible at one time, and memorized 3113 verses in the year." They also memorized the Creed, the Te Deum and numerous hymns. They were instructed in the faith and worship of the Church. Not only were children brought into the Church,

but parents and other members of their families were baptized and confirmed.

It is a long look back over these 125 years, and few of us would venture to guess how great an influence the Sunday School has been. It is interesting to note that the Diocese of Pennsylvania, where this great movement began, still leads in religious education. We still stand at the top of the list of all Dioceses in the Church in the number of pupils. More than 3000 teachers give their time and effort each Sunday to instruct the young committed to their care. Some 27,000 pupils are enrolled in the Church Schools of the Diocese. When we look at the Church in this country, we see how this Sunday School movement has grown. The Episcopal Church has 57,000 teachers and nearly half a million pupils enrolled in Church Schools.

While there are probably many children in America who are not members of any Sunday School, yet the proportion is doubtless not so great as many would think. The latest figures for children between the ages of four and sixteen in the United States is estimated at about thirty-one millions. The children in Sunday Schools number twenty millions, and this

figure does not include Roman Catholic children. The World Almanac states that there are thirty-seven millions of children enrolled in Sunday Schools throughout the world. It is an interesting fact that 61% of these are in the United States.

While no particular or spectacular celebration is planned to commemorate this 125th anniversary of the beginning of the Sunday School movement, we did, however, call the attention of the children of the Diocese to the event at the Lenten Offering Presentation Service last Sunday. Episcopalians generally should know of this fine contribution to the religious life of our nation. The children in our several Church Schools should be acquainted with the beginnings and growth of the Sunday School. To those of us who love the Christian religion, a warmth of gratitude must fill our hearts for this noble inheritance that is ours today, which should inspire us to continue the work so nobly begun of old. Here in this historic city began a great movement, sponsored by an outstanding leadership—our own Bishop White. It devolves upon us today to plan and forge new ways of caring for and nurturing the children that God has committed to our charge.

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Declaring that one-third of the 150,000 cancer deaths each year in the United States is preventable, Dr. George E. Pfahler, prominent Philadelphia cancer specialist, endeavored to enlist the aid of the Church in the war against cancer in an address before the Clerical Brotherhood at Church House on May 20.

Dr. Pfahler, speaking under the auspices of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and the Women's Field Army of

the American Society for the Control of Cancer, told the clergy present "one out of every ten deaths over the age of 20 is due to cancer."

"This," he said, "applies throughout the country and, of course, applies to each of your congregations."

"At least 50,000, or one-third of these, can be saved," Dr. Pfahler continued, "if we utilize the knowledge now available."

"The Church can help by bringing before those within its sphere of influence the facts that cancer can be cured by skillful treatment while it is still a local

disease, and that nearly half of the cancers can be prevented by elimination of the unhealthy tissue which precedes cancer. These facts must be brought to the attention of the individual, for cancer is an individual disease. It is not epidemic, nor a community disease. It is not contagious. It is not due to a germ."

Dr. Pfahler said he hoped the Church would arrange meetings for discussion of the subject, so that knowledge of cancer and the possibility of its prevention and cure might be spread generally through the community.

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CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

June brings us to the threshold of the universal vacation season, when everyone is preparing to enjoy beneficial recreation and relaxation. No doubt many will turn to reading, and the C. P. C. asks them if they won't pass on some of their books to the less fortunate, and thus help others to enjoyment.

The Church Periodical Club was organized to give the printed page to all who need and desire it, regardless of race or creed. The donors collect dividends at least equal to the pleasure their gifts give the recipients.

A letter just received from the Institute for American Studies, St. Paul's University, Ikebukuro, Tokyo, to which our Diocesan branch sent some new books, says in part: "C. P. C., as usual, has been the first to give us immediate, practical help. . . . One cannot help feeling humble in the face of this task. St. Paul's is the first institution in the Orient to undertake the project of encouraging a better understanding of the Western Hemisphere. . . . The Japanese are eager to know more of America. . . . Had such an institute been in existence two years ago, the present tense situation between the two countries might have been avoided. In a country where the public press is timid and where one cannot remit money abroad for foreign magazines it is not surprising that the people should know nothing of the currents of American public opinion."

It is impossible at this time to give an exact report of the returns for the new Library in Tucker Lodge, Shrine Mont; however, the C. P. C. thanks everyone who has helped in this undertaking. An appeal from the National office with the sanction of our Presiding Bishop proves the necessity of the object.

To be sure, the appeal has fallen on a number of deaf ears, but those who have heard have rallied to the occasion with vigor so that while Pennsylvania will have a quantity of books equal to the number of Churches and Missions in the Diocese, still the name of every church is not represented on the book shelves in Tucker Lodge. The Summer vacation books might well be passed on to this library.

Following the April meeting the C. P. C. members were luncheon guests of St. Barnabas Church, 3rd and Dauphin Streets, of which the Rev. Albert W. Eastburn is rector. The bus trip from Church House, the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Eastburn and their congregation made the occasion one that will ever be cherished.

Then in May Miss Martha L. Gibbons invited the C. P. C. to meet at her farm near Birchrunville, Chester County. For several years this last meeting of the season has been in the form of a picnic and has been greatly enjoyed, but this one surpassed all the others. Anyone who has visited Powder Mill Farm and noted its charm and beauty can readily understand why the guests arrive early and stay late.

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Chorley, D.D., who retired June 1 after serving St. Philip's for thirty-two years.

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Sharp attended public schools here and was graduated from Penn State College. He completed his training for the ministry at the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Divinity School, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1925. Until his ordination in 1926 by Bishop Garland he assisted the dean of the Divinity School. From

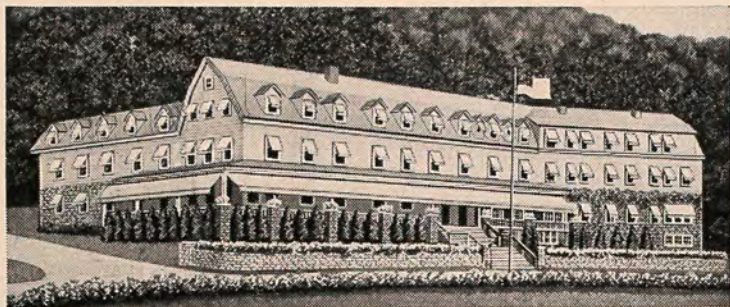
1926 until he went to St. Paul's, he was curate of Prince of Peace Chapel.

His new charge, which is across the Hudson from West Point, includes two rural chapels, St. James', Manitou, and St. Mary's, Continental Village. St. Philip's parish was chartered by King George III on August 10, 1770, and was built on ground given by Beverly Robinson, head of the British intelligence service in America during the Revolution, when it was known as the "Tory Church."

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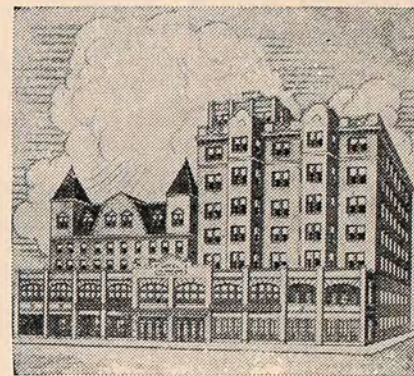
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The Bishop presented the diplomas, and the Very Rev. Granville Taylor, D.D., delivered the commencement address. A reception in the nurses' home followed.

The officers of the graduating class were:

Elizabeth Snook, Newton, N. J., president; Josephine Elizabeth Plum, Moorestown, N. J., vice-president; Dorothy Deborah Smith, Philadelphia, secretary, and Ferne Ivah Miller, York, treasurer.

Other members of the class were:

Ethel Robinson Black and Violet Margaret Singer, Vineland, N. J.; Jean Buck, Haddon Heights, N. J.; Dorothy Cramp Moffet, Florence, N. J.; Nettie Bland, Egg Harbor City, N. J.; Laura Mae Boerner, Natalie Gross, Philadelphia; Sylvia Derry Hauser, Delaware Water Gap; Grace Anne Lovell, Ashland; Mary Hazel Mitsch, Glenside; Virginia Margaret Wallace, West Chester; Gwendolyn L. Adams, Bristol; Edna Mary Bartsch, Shamokin; Margaret Heloyse Blakely, Clearfield; Eleanor F. Boger, Annville; Dora Mary Coover, Conshohocken; Betty Dyer, Sunbury; Rosalie Fisher, Warfordsburg; Dorothy Rae Herbick, Fairview Village; Olive Ruth Manns, Graterford; Ruth Anna Murray, Lock Haven; Jane Root, Norristown; Dorothy Shirey, Bellwood; Ruth Spencer, Freeland; Salome Wallace, Mobile, Ala.; Angelina Mouckerezi, Millinocket, Me.; Theresa Mary Eppele, Brooksville, Fla.; Katie Belle Koonce, Wilmington, N. C.

Fraziers Moved to Cody, Wyo., Because of Missionary "Cut"

The Ven. Robert P. Frazier, Archdeacon of Wyoming, has been assigned to Christ Church, Cody; St. Thomas', Lovell; St. John's, Powell, and St. Andrew's, Meeteetse, to enable Bishop Ziegler to adjust the budget of the Missionary District of Wyoming to the last cut. Archdeacon Frazier is taking on these stations in addition to his other duties. Since June 1 the new address of the Fraziers is Christ Church Rectory, Cody, Wyo.

N. Phila. Garden Fete June 12

The Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia will hold a garden fete on the grounds of Episcopal Hospital on June 12. Cakes, candies and other merchandise will be on sale, and platter suppers will be served from 5:30 to 7 P. M. at 35 and 50 cents.

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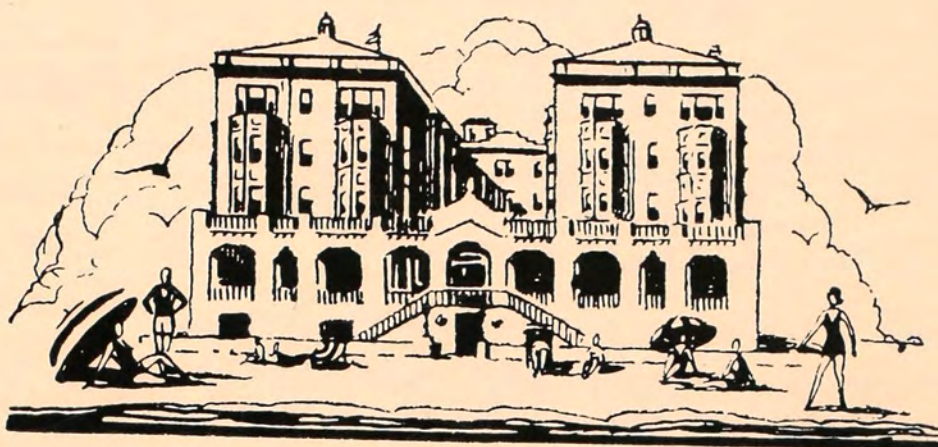
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